

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

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RESOLUTION NO. 179-2016

Introduced by: Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrasa

A RESOLUTION calling on the Maryland State Department of Education to contract for a performance audit of the Howard County Public School System and specifying the issues requested to be studied.

Introduced and read first time on November 7, 2016.

By order

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on November 24, 2016.

Tabled 12/5/16

By order

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was ~~read the third time and was Adopted~~, ~~Adopted with amendments~~, ~~Failed~~, ~~Withdrawn~~ by the County Council on expired
October 29, 2018, 2016.

Certified by

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Approved by the County Executive on _____, 2016.

Allan H. Kittiman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 5-110 of the Education Article of the Maryland Code provides that the County
2 governing body may request that the Maryland State Department of Education contract for a
3 performance audit of the county public school system; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the County Council believes that an assessment of the practices of the Howard County
5 Public School System is needed to determine whether the School System is operating
6 economically and efficiently and to determine whether corrective actions for improving its
7 performance are appropriate; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive joins the County Council in requesting the performance audit, as
9 indicated by his signature approving this Resolution.

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this
11 _____ day of _____, 2016, that the County Council requests that the Maryland
12 State Department of Education contract for a performance audit of the Howard County Public
13 School System to study the following issues:

- 14 1. legal fees and use of outside legal counsel;
- 15 2. the procurement process; and
- 16 3. special education staffing and services, including out of school placement.

17 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Administrator to the County Council shall send a copy
18 of this Resolution to the:

19 Maryland State Department of Education
20 200 West Baltimore Street
21 Baltimore, MD 21201
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