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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Board of Education – Reporting on Demographics and**  
3 **Reduction of Academic Disparities**

4 **Ho. Co. 06–20**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Howard County Board of Education, on or before a certain  
6 date each year, to submit a report to the Howard County Delegation to the General  
7 Assembly detailing certain demographic information on the students in each public  
8 school in the county; requiring the report, beginning with a report submitted on or  
9 before a certain date and every 2 years thereafter, to include recommendations on  
10 how the Howard County Delegation and the General Assembly could assist the  
11 county board in certain efforts to reduce academic disparities in public schools in the  
12 county and a description of certain actions taken and plans to reduce academic  
13 disparities in public schools in the county; and generally relating to reporting by the  
14 Howard County Board of Education.

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – Education  
17 Section 4–138  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Education**

4 **4–138.**

5 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN HOWARD COUNTY.

6 (B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2021, THE  
7 HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE  
8 HOWARD COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE  
9 WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE DEMOGRAPHIC  
10 COMPOSITION OF THE STUDENTS IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY,  
11 DISAGGREGATED BY THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

12 (1) STUDENTS WHO ARE LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT; AND

13 (2) STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS.

14 (C) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 EVERY 2 YEARS, BEGINNING IN 2021, THE  
15 REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

16 (1) RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW THE HOWARD COUNTY  
17 DELEGATION AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COULD ASSIST THE COUNTY BOARD IN  
18 ITS EFFORTS TO REDUCE ACADEMIC DISPARITIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE  
19 COUNTY:

20 (I) AMONG THE POPULATIONS LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)  
21 OF THIS SECTION; AND

22 (II) IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC  
23 SCHOOL SYSTEM POLICY 6010; AND

24 (2) A DESCRIPTION OF:

1                   **(I) ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNTY BOARD IN THE PREVIOUS**  
2 **2 YEARS TO REDUCE ACADEMIC DISPARITIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY**  
3 **AMONG THE POPULATIONS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

4                   **(II) PLANS FOR THE NEXT 2-YEAR PERIOD TO REDUCE**  
5 **ACADEMIC DISPARITIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY AMONG THE**  
6 **POPULATIONS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
8 1, 2020.