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By: **Delegate Atterbeary**

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County Board of Education – School Safety Personnel**

3 **Ho. Co. 10–21**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Howard County Board of Education to develop a plan to  
5 implement certain school safety guidelines that does not assign school resource  
6 officers to public schools in Howard County and uses adequate local law enforcement  
7 coverage to implement the guidelines; and generally relating to school safety  
8 personnel in Howard County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Education  
11 Section 7–1501(a), (d), and (j) and 7–1508(c), (e), and (h)(2)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Education  
16 Section 7–1508(d)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 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 7–1501.

5 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (d) “Center” means the Maryland Center for School Safety.

7 (j) “School resource officer” means:

8 (1) A law enforcement officer as defined under § 3–101(e) of the Public  
9 Safety Article who has been assigned to a school in accordance with a memorandum of  
10 understanding between the chief of a law enforcement agency as defined under § 3–101(b)  
11 of the Public Safety Article and the local education agency; or

12 (2) A Baltimore City school police officer, as defined in § 4–318 of this  
13 article.

14 7–1508.

15 (c) The Center shall collect data regarding the school resource officers in each  
16 local school system, including:

17 (1) The number of full–time and part–time school resource officers  
18 assigned to each elementary school, middle school, and high school; and

19 (2) Any other local school system employees or local law enforcement  
20 officers who are fulfilling the role of a school resource officer.

21 (d) (1) On or before December 15, 2018, the Center, in collaboration with local  
22 law enforcement agencies and local school systems, shall analyze the initial data collected  
23 under subsection (c) of this section and develop guidelines to assist local school systems in:

24 (i) Identifying the appropriate number and assignment of school  
25 resource officers, including supplemental coverage by local law enforcement agencies; and

1 (ii) Collaborating and communicating with local law enforcement  
2 agencies.

3 (2) (I) [On] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**  
4 **PARAGRAPH, ON** or before July 1, 2019, each local school system, in consultation with local  
5 law enforcement agencies, shall:

6 [(i)] 1. Develop a plan to implement the guidelines developed by  
7 the Center; and

8 [(ii)] 2. Submit the plan to the Center for review and comment.

9 (II) **THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL**  
10 **DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE CENTER**  
11 **THAT:**

12 1. **DOES NOT ASSIGN SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS TO**  
13 **PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN HOWARD COUNTY; AND**

14 2. **USES ADEQUATE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
15 **COVERAGE TO IMPLEMENT THE GUIDELINES.**

16 (e) (1) Before the 2018–2019 school year begins, each local school system shall  
17 file a report with the Center identifying:

18 (i) The public high schools in the local school system’s jurisdiction  
19 that have a school resource officer assigned to the school; and

20 (ii) If a public high school in the local school system’s jurisdiction is  
21 not assigned a school resource officer, the adequate local law enforcement coverage that  
22 will be provided to the public high school.

23 (2) Beginning with the 2019–2020 school year, and each school year  
24 thereafter, before the school year begins, each local school system shall, in accordance with  
25 the plan developed under subsection (d)(2) of this section, file a report identifying:

1 (i) The public schools in the local school system’s jurisdiction that  
2 have a school resource officer assigned to the school; and

3 (ii) If a public school in the local school system’s jurisdiction is not  
4 assigned a school resource officer, the adequate local law enforcement coverage that will be  
5 provided to the public school.

6 (3) On or before October 1, 2018, and each October 1 thereafter, the Center  
7 shall submit a summary of the reports required under this subsection to the Governor and,  
8 in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

9 (h) (2) On or before December 1, 2020, and each December 1 thereafter, the  
10 Center shall submit a report on the data collected under paragraph (1) of this subsection  
11 for each jurisdiction, in accordance with federal and State law, to the Governor and, in  
12 accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
14 1, 2021.