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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – School Redistricting – Public Testimony**

3 **Ho. Co. 07–21**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, during a school redistricting process in which the  
5 redistricting plan proposed by the Howard County Board of Education differs from  
6 the redistricting plan proposed by the Howard County Superintendent of Schools,  
7 that the county board allow a certain number of members of a household whose  
8 school assignment is changed only in the county board’s plan to provide public  
9 testimony before the final vote on either school redistricting plan; and generally  
10 relating to the Howard County Board of Education and school redistricting.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 4–109.1  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

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



1 **4-109.1.**

2 (A) **THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN HOWARD COUNTY.**

3 (B) **DURING A SCHOOL REDISTRICTING PROCESS, IF THE REDISTRICTING**  
4 **PLAN PROPOSED BY THE COUNTY BOARD DIFFERS FROM THE REDISTRICTING PLAN**  
5 **PROPOSED BY THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL ALLOW**  
6 **ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF A HOUSEHOLD WHOSE SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT IS**  
7 **CHANGED ONLY IN THE COUNTY BOARD'S PLAN TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TESTIMONY**  
8 **BEFORE THE FINAL VOTE ON EITHER PLAN.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
10 1, 2021.