

HOUSE BILL 515

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By: **Delegates Cain, Bagnall, Bartlett, Carey, Chang, Charkoudian, Feldmark, Henson, Howard, Ivey, Mosby, Rogers, Saab, Smith, and Wilkins**

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Staff Members – Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to submit a certain report to
4 the State Board of Education on the ratio of students to certain staff members in the
5 school; requiring each county board to submit a certain report to the State Board,
6 the Governor, and certain legislative committees on or before a certain date each
7 year; and generally relating to staff in public schools.

8 BY adding to
9 Article – Education
10 Section 6–124
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 **6–124.**

17 **(A) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, AND EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER, EACH**
18 **COUNTY BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE RATIO OF STUDENTS TO STAFF**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



MEMBERS TO THE STATE BOARD, THE GOVERNOR, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

(B) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE RATIO, AT THE END OF THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR, OF:

(1) STUDENTS TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STAFF MEMBERS FOR EACH SCHOOL IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM:

(I) SCHOOL COUNSELOR;

(II) SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST;

(III) SOCIAL WORKER;

(IV) OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST;

(V) SPEECH PATHOLOGIST; AND

(VI) BILINGUAL FACILITATOR; AND

(2) STUDENTS TO EACH OF THE STAFF MEMBERS LISTED IN ~~PARAGRAPH ITEM~~ (1)(I) THROUGH (IV) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM IN TOTAL.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.