



**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
2015 LEGISLATIVE SYNOPSIS**



HB 278 SB 15	Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program
Bill Synopsis	Establishing a Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program.
Departmental Implications	Staff the Task Force Superintendent or designee On or before December 30, 2015, the Task Force shall report
HB 298	Education – Student Data Privacy Act of 2015
Bill Synopsis	Requiring operators of Internet sites, services, and applications to protect student information from unauthorized access
Departmental Implications	N/A
HB 375 SB 403	Education – Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers
Bill Synopsis	Establishes the Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers to replace the Maryland School Board Health Center Policy Advising Committee
Departmental Implications	Staff the Council Superintendent or designee serves on the Council On or before December 31 or each year the Council shall report
HB 456 SB 521	Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking
Bill Synopsis	Establishes a workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking
Departmental Implications	Superintendent or designee serves on the Workgroup
HB 486 SB 595	Public Charter School Expansion and Improvement Act of 2015
Bill Synopsis	Requiring specified public charter schools to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Take specified steps to maintain a specified ratio as part of the initial cohort of students in a grade · Authorizing specified public charter schools to give specified students a greater



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Bill Synopsis	<p>weight to the student's lottery status as part of the public charter school's admissions lottery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Authorizing a county board to consider specified issues relating to school site and school building utilization when authorizing specified public charter schools to occupy specified sites or buildings.
Departmental Implications	
HB 947 SB 251	Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board – School Counselors – Certification Renewal Requirement (Lauryn’s Law)
Bill Synopsis	Requires school counselors seeking certificate renewal to obtain knowledge and skills relating to mental illness and behavioral distress
Departmental Implications	On or before July 1, 2016 PSTEB to adopt regulations
HB 965 SB 334	The Hunger Free Schools Act of 2015
Bill Synopsis	Alters the calculation used to determine the number of students eligible for free and reduced lunch
Departmental Implications	On or before December 1, 2018, the MSDE, in collaboration with any local school system that opts into the program shall report
SB 624	Task Force to Study the Expansion of Career and Technical Education in Maryland
Bill Synopsis	Creates a Task Force to Study the Expansion of Career and Technical 5 Education in Maryland
Departmental Implications	Assist in staffing the Task Force State Superintendent or designee to serve on the Task Force On or before January 1, 2016, the Task Force shall report
HB 779	Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program
Bill Synopsis	Establishes the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program targeting low-income Maryland high school graduates
Departmental Implications	N/A



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HB 535 SB 538	Blind or Visually Impaired Children – Individualized Education Programs – Orientation and Mobility Instruction
Bill Synopsis	Requiring individualized education programs for blind or visually impaired children to include orientation and mobility instruction
Departmental Implications	<p>The State Board shall adopt regulations</p> <p>On or before September 1, 2012, the State Board shall establish standards</p> <p>On or before January 1, 2017 the Department shall adopt regulations</p> <p>On or before March 1, 2017, the Department shall provide guidelines to each local school system on conducting orientation and mobility assessments</p>
HB 934 SB 210	Educational Institutions – Personal Electronic Account – Privacy Protection
Bill Synopsis	Prohibits an educational institution from requiring or requesting an applicant, or a prospective student to grant access to, allow observation of, or disclose information that allows access to or observation of the individual’s personal electronic account
Departmental Implications	N/A
HB 942	Apprenticeship Pilot Program – Apprenticeship Maryland
Bill Synopsis	Establishes a 2 year apprenticeship pilot program beginning in summer of 2016
Departmental Implications	<p>MSDE to establish criteria for 2 school systems (1 rural and 1 urban) to participate in the pilot program.</p> <p>MSDE to collaborate with DBED, DLLR, and the business community to develop criteria and identifying eligible employers</p> <p>On or before December 1, 2016 and December 1, 2017, MSDE and DLLR shall report.</p>

12	2015 Regular Session - Current Status Report (House)
	Short Title/Current Status
HB 166	Education – Maryland Seal of Biliteracy Act – Establishment <i>House: Hearing Ways and Means – 2/12</i>
HB 167	Calvert County – Length of Service Award Program – Recipient Benefits <i>Senate: First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs – 3/16</i>
HB 168	Criminal Law – Second-Degree Murder – Penalty <i>House: Unfavorable Report by Judiciary – 2/22</i>
HB 169	State Plumbing Code – Adoption of International Code Council Standards <i>House: Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters – 3/13</i>
HB 170	Natural Resources – Game Birds – Baiting <i>House: Returned Passed – 4/16 (3/31)</i>
HB 171	Courts – Child Abuse and Neglect – Waiver of Reunification Efforts (Anayah's Law) <i>House: Returned Passed – 4/16 (3/31)</i>
HB 172	Task Force to Study Issues Related to the Use of Self-Driving Vehicles

2	2015 Regular Session - Current Status Report (Senate)
	Short Title/Current Status
SB 15	Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program <i>Senate: Passed Enrolled – 4/3 (3/29)</i>
SB 16	Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Misdemeanor and Felony Convictions <i>Senate: Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings – 3/9</i>
SB 17	Baltimore City School Police Force – Carrying of Firearms – Scope <i>Senate: Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings; Withdrawn – 3/16</i>
SB 18	State Board of Dental Examiners – Dentists and Dental Hygienists – Grounds for Discipline <i>Senate: Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Withdrawn – 2/9</i>
SB 19	University System of Maryland – Chancellor – Appointment <i>Senate: Hearing Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs – 1/22</i>
SB 20	Kent County – Board of Elections – Membership <i>Senate: Returned Passed – 4/1 (3/27)</i>
SB 21	Cecil County and Queen Anne's County – Intergovernmental Cooperation and Acceptance of Funds <i>House: Second Reading Passed – 4/7 (4/1)</i>
SB 22	Earned Income Tax Credit – Tax Year 2014 – Technical Correction



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