

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: March 11, 2008
TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**
FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent
SUBJECT: **LEGISLATION UPDATE**
ORIGINATOR: Dr. Donald A. Peccia Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
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RECOMMENDATION

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That the Board of Education consider taking positions on Key School Legislation.

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
KEY SCHOOL LEGISLATION
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UPDATES LEGISLATION

(*Status as of 2/29/08 – updated information in **RED**)

HB15 – Task Force on Classroom Indoor Air Quality Standards

Establishing a Task Force on Classroom Indoor Air Quality Standards; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; providing for the designation of the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding specified issues; etc.

Board of Education position: Oppose

*Status: House – Hearing on 2/5/08 at 11:00 a.m.

HB21 – Education – Compulsory Attendance – Age of Withdrawal

Altering the age at which a child may withdraw from required schooling to 18 years old; requiring specified individuals with the legal custody or care and control of children between the ages of 5 and 18 years old to see that the children attend school or receive specified instruction; and providing for a delayed effective date.

Board of Education position: Oppose

Comments: This legislation has a \$55 million impact to the State

*Status: House – Hearing on 03/11/08 at 1:00 p.m.

HB23 – Maryland Green Buildings Standards of 2008

Requiring specified buildings to be high performance buildings under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to conduct a specified analysis of the costs and benefits of requiring specified buildings to be high performance buildings; requiring the Department to waive specified high performance building requirements under specified circumstances; etc.

Board of Education position: Oppose

*Status: House – Withdrawn on 02/19/08

HB49 – Education – Maryland High School Assessment Test Results

Requiring the State Board of Education to report to each county board on or before July 1 each year on the performance of each student in the local school system on the Maryland High School Assessment.

Board of Education position: Support

*Status: House – Hearing on 03/05/08 at 1:00 p.m.

HB367 – Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation - Consolidation of Workforce Development Functions - Transfer of Adult Education and Literacy Services and Education Programs for Correctional Facilities

(Cross-Filed with SB203)

Consolidating workforce development functions by transferring adult education and literacy services and education and training programs for correctional facilities that are administered by the State Department of Education to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; establishing the Workforce Creation and Adult Education Transition Council; etc.

Board of Education position: Oppose

*Status: House – Hearing on 02/20/08 at 11:00 a.m.

SB77 - Education – Children in Informational Kinship Care Relationship

(Cross-Filed with HB169)

Requiring a superintendent of schools of a county to allow a child to attend a public school in a school attendance area other than the school in the school attendance area where the child is domiciled with the child’s parent or legal guardian if the child lives with a relative in the school attendance area in an informal kinship care relationship due to a serious family hardship; etc.

Board of Education position: Oppose

*Status: Senate – 3rd Reading Passed on 02/08/08
House – 1st Reading on 02/11/08

SB96 – Education – Truancy Rates – Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support Programs and Behavior Modification Programs

(Cross-Filed with HB285)

Requiring a county board of education to require a school that has a truancy rate that exceeds specified standards to implement a positive behavioral interventions and support program or an alternative, research-based, positive, and effective behavior modification program in collaboration with the State Department of Education; etc.

Board of Education position:

Oppose

Status: Senate – 3rd Reading Passed on 02/18/08
House – 1st Reading on 02/19/08

Comments: The flawed premise of this bill is that it would mandate the use of PBIS on truancy rates, not suspension rates which is already governed by statute.

SB150 - Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2008, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007.

(Cross-Filed with HB155)

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$872,099,000, the proceeds to be used, subject to specified restrictions and reporting requirements, for the acquisition, building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipping of specified State projects, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified purposes, subject to the requirement that specified grantees provide and expend specified matching funds; etc.

Board of Education position:

Support

Comments: This legislation has a total of \$333 million for public school construction

*Status: Senate – 1st Reading – 01/18/08

SB850 – Education – Collective Bargaining - Public School Labor Relations Board

Establishing a Public School Labor Relations Board; providing for the appointment, membership, duties, responsibilities, and staff of the Board; authorizing the Board to adopt and enforce regulations, guidelines, and policies, as specified; permitting the Board to petition a circuit court to seek enforcement of an order of the Board; providing that a hearing and determination under the Act is a contested case; specifying requirements and procedures for the use of mediation, fact-finding, and arbitration in dispute resolution; etc.

Board of Education position:

Oppose

Status: Senate – 1st Reading on 02/11/08

Comments: This bill would move the power to decide on matters of bargaining (whether items are bargainable or not, whether a subject is legal or illegal to the bargaining process, whether actions constitute unfair labor practices) from the State Board of Education to a newly-created Public School Labor Relations Board.