

# HOUSE BILL 1188

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By: **Delegate Boyce**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Enrollment Location – Continuity**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting a county superintendent of schools from withdrawing a~~  
4 ~~student from enrollment in a certain school due to the student's participation in a~~  
5 ~~certain alternative learning program~~ prohibiting a child who is a juvenile placed in  
6 the custody of certain entities from being disenrolled from public school until the  
7 disposition of the child's juvenile case; requiring the public school in which the child  
8 who is a juvenile is enrolled to provide the State Department of Education with  
9 certain educational materials; requiring the Department in consultation with county  
10 boards of education to develop and implement a procedure to transfer to certain  
11 entities a copy of certain educational records from the school in which the child is  
12 enrolled; requiring the Department in consultation with county boards to develop  
13 and implement a procedure for re-enrolling certain children in public school;  
14 requiring the Department to develop an educational plan for certain children;  
15 removing a forestry camp and a training school from a certain list of placements; and  
16 generally relating to public school attendance for detained children.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – Education

19 Section 7–101(b)

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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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.



**Article – Education**

7–101.

(b) (1) Except as provided in § 7–301 of this title and in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each child shall attend a public school in the county where the child is domiciled with the child’s parent, guardian, or relative providing informal kinship care, as defined in subsection (c) of this section.

(2) (i) Upon request and in accordance with a county board’s policies concerning residency, a county superintendent may allow a child to attend school in the county even if the child is not domiciled in that county with the child’s parent or guardian.

(ii) Regardless of where the child is currently domiciled, a county superintendent shall allow a child to remain at the school that the child is attending, if:

1. The child is a child who is:

A. In the custody of, committed to, or otherwise placed by a local department of social services or the Department of Juvenile Services; and

B. Subject to the educational stability provisions of the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 and the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015;

2. The child is not in any of the following placements:

A. A detention facility;

B. [A forestry camp;

C. A training school;

D.] A State-owned and State-operated facility that accommodates more than 25 children; or

[E.] C. Any other facility operated primarily for the detention of children who are determined to be delinquent;

3. The local department of social services or the Department of Juvenile Services determines, in consultation with the local school system, that it is in the best interests of the child to continue at that school; and

4. The local department of social services or the Department of Juvenile Services pays for the cost of transporting the child to and from school.

~~(iii) A COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT MAY NOT WITHDRAW A CHILD FROM ENROLLMENT IN A SCHOOL THAT THE CHILD IS ATTENDING DUE TO THE CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THAT IS LOCATED IN A FACILITY SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (2)(II)2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH.~~

~~(iv)~~ 1. The Department of Human Services and the Department of Juvenile Services each shall adopt regulations establishing factors that shall be considered in determining the best interests of a child under this section.

2. The Department shall adopt regulations to implement the educational stability provisions of the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 and the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.

(3) (I) 1. A CHILD WHO IS A JUVENILE PLACED IN THE CUSTODY OF A DETENTION ENTITY LISTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE DISENROLLED FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT THE CHILD IS ATTENDING UNTIL AFTER THE DISPOSITION OF THE CHILD'S JUVENILE CASE.

2. THE PUBLIC SCHOOL IN WHICH THE CHILD IS ENROLLED SHALL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR THE CHILD TO REMAIN CURRENT WITH THE CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AT THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THE CHILD IS ENROLLED.

(II) 1. IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY BOARDS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROCEDURE TO TRANSFER A COPY OF THE CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL RECORDS FROM THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THE CHILD IS ENROLLED TO A FACILITY LISTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION IN WHICH THE CHILD IS PLACED.

2. THE EDUCATIONAL RECORDS TRANSFERRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL INCLUDE A COPY OF:

A. AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM;

B. A 504 PLAN;

C. RECORDS FROM AN ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL) PROGRAM; OR

D. ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION.

(III) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY BOARDS, SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROCEDURE FOR THE

RE-ENROLLMENT OF A CHILD IN A FACILITY LISTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION BEFORE THE CHILD IS RELEASED.

(IV) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AN EDUCATIONAL PLAN FOR EACH CHILD WHO IS DETAINED FOR MORE THAN 4 WEEKS THAT:

1. IS DESIGNED TO MEET THE CHILD'S INDIVIDUAL NEEDS; AND

2. ENSURES THAT, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE CHILD IS ABLE TO SEAMLESSLY REINTEGRATE INTO THE CHILD'S HOME SCHOOL.

(4) If a child fraudulently attends a public school in a county where the child is not domiciled with the child's parent or guardian, the child's parent or guardian shall be subject to a penalty payable to the county for the pro rata share of tuition for the time the child fraudulently attends a public school in the county.

~~(4)~~ (5) Nothing in this section alters the requirements for out-of-county placements contained in § 4-122 and Title 8, Subtitles 3, 3A, and 4 of this article or in any other State or federal law.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.