

HOUSE BILL 1422

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By: **Delegates Qi and Fraser-Hidalgo**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Redistricting – Community Advisory Committees For Student**
3 **Assignment**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the governing body of a county or Baltimore City to establish
5 a certain community advisory committee for student assignment within a certain
6 time period after the county board of education votes to begin a school redistricting
7 process; establishing the purpose of a community advisory committee; providing for
8 the composition, chair, and meetings of a community advisory committee;
9 prohibiting a member of a community advisory committee from receiving certain
10 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring a
11 community advisory committee to review and provide input on certain redistricting
12 proposals; providing for the termination of a community advisory committee; and
13 generally relating to the public school redistricting process.

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Education
16 Section 4–109.1
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 **4–109.1.**

23 **(A) (1) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER A COUNTY BOARD VOTES TO BEGIN A**
24 **SCHOOL REDISTRICTING PROCESS, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY SHALL**
25 **ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR STUDENT ASSIGNMENT.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) THE PURPOSE OF A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND EQUITY IN INPUT AND DECISION MAKING DURING THE SCHOOL REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

(B) (1) A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(I) SIX PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY;

(II) FOUR EDUCATORS WHO WORK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY;

(III) ONE MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD; AND

(IV) ANY OTHER MEMBER CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY.

(2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE MEMBERSHIP OF A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL REFLECT THE GENDER, RACIAL, ETHNIC, CULTURAL, AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE COUNTY.

(C) A MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE FOR THE DURATION OF THE SCHOOL REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

(D) A MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

(1) SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(E) A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL DESIGNATE:

(1) ONE MEMBER AS CHAIRPERSON; AND

(2) THE TIME AND PLACE OF ITS MEETINGS.

(F) A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW AND PROVIDE INPUT ON ANY REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COUNTY BOARD.

1 (G) A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL DISBAND AFTER
2 COMPLETION OF THE SCHOOL REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2020.