

action plan, to file monthly status reports and to include certain information in certain ~~quarterly~~ biannual reports; requiring the State Superintendent to include certain information ~~in~~ on a local school system deficit in certain quarterly reports; requiring a local school system to provide certain information to the Office of Legislative Audits under certain circumstances; providing that if a local school system fails to comply with certain requirements, the State Superintendent, with the approval of the State Board of Education, shall notify the State Comptroller who shall be required to withhold certain funds until receiving a certain notice from the State Superintendent; revising the dates for submission of certain plan updates to the Department; requiring county boards of education and the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to include certain information in certain plan updates; requiring the State Superintendent to annually review certain information and to file a certain report; requiring certain plan updates to be submitted for review and approval by the State Superintendent; providing that certain letters of recommendation included in certain audits are a matter of public record; requiring the Legislative Auditor to appoint professional staff to conduct audits of local school systems; requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to conduct a certain audit of each local school system within a certain time period; authorizing the employees of the Office of Legislative Audits to have access to certain information; requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to provide certain information to a local school system; requiring a certain centralized audit by a certain time period; requiring certain school systems to be included in a certain group of audits; providing for the order of certain audits; repealing certain provisions of law related to the Office of Legislative Audits' review of audit reports of local boards of education and local library boards; requiring the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to eliminate a certain deficit by a certain date; requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to submit certain information to the Joint Committee by a certain time; and generally relating to the State Superintendent of Schools and the State Department of Education and fiscal accountability and oversight of local school systems.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 5-114

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 4-309(a), 5-109, and 5-401

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 2-1219(c) and 2-1220(f)