

House Bill No. 396

AN ACT concerning

Education – Annual Audit – Legislative Auditor

FOR the purpose of requiring certain county boards of education to submit the results of certain audits to the Legislative Auditor; requiring the Legislative Auditor to submit a report to certain persons; and generally relating to annual audits of county boards of education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 5-108

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

5-108.

(a) Each county board shall provide for an annual audit of its financial transactions and accounts.

(b) (1) The audit shall be made by a certified public accountant or a partnership of certified public accountants who are:

(i) Licensed by the State Board of Public Accountancy; and

(ii) Approved by the State Superintendent.

(2) The audit shall be made in accordance with the standards and regulations adopted by the State Board.

(c) (1) The results of the audit are a matter of public record.

(2) The results shall be reported within 3 months after the close of the fiscal year for the county board to the State Superintendent, THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR, and the county fiscal authority on the form and in the manner required by the State Board.

(d) In addition to the audit required by this section, the county commissioners or county council may conduct an audit using auditors employed by the county.

(E) EACH YEAR THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL AUDITS TO THE JOINT BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL SERVICES.