Bill No.: ____________________
Requested: ________________
Committee: ________________

By: Senator Lam

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Howard County Board of Education – School Redistricting Plan – Testimony

Ho. Co. 41-20

FOR the purpose of requiring, during a school redistricting process in which the redistricting plan proposed by the Howard County Board of Education differs from the redistricting plan proposed by the Howard County Superintendent of Schools, that the Board allow a household whose school assignment is changed only in the Board's plan to provide public testimony before the final vote on either school redistricting plan; and generally relating to the Howard County Board of Education and school redistricting.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 4–109.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
4–109.1.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN HOWARD COUNTY.

(B) DURING A SCHOOL REDISTRICTING PROCESS, IF THE REDISTRICTING PLAN PROPOSED BY THE COUNTY BOARD DIFFERS FROM THE REDISTRICTING PLAN PROPOSED BY THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL ALLOW A HOUSEHOLD WHOSE SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT IS CHANGED ONLY IN THE COUNTY BOARD’S PLAN TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TESTIMONY BEFORE THE FINAL VOTE ON EITHER PLAN.

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