

HOUSE BILL 1105

Submit Your Comments!

During the 2016 legislative session, the **Maryland General Assembly** passed House Bill (“H.B. 1105”). This bill tasked the **Maryland Office of the Public Access Ombudsman** to investigate and issue a public report by January 1, 2017 concerning the Howard County Public School System pertaining to the handling of public records and **Public Information Act** requests during the period from July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015. The Ombudsman is seeking comments on the following topics:

- **the integrity and propriety of any refusal by the custodian of a public record for the Howard County Public School System, on the request of an applicant, to disclose the public record;**
- **the validity of any declaration by the custodian of a public record for the Howard County Public School System that a public record requested by an applicant does not exist and cannot be produced; and**
- **the reasonableness of any complaint by an applicant for a public record from the Howard County Public School System as to:**
 1. **any delay by a custodian in furnishing the public record that was requested; and**
 2. **any other matter involving compliance by a custodian with the requirements of Title 4 of the General Provisions Article of the Public Information Act**

The Ombudsman invites all persons who have knowledge, information, or comment they wish to offer concerning any of **these topics** to submit their comments (including any supporting documentation you wish to submit) by Close of Business **September 30** to:

Office of the Public Access Ombudsman
200 Saint Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202-2021

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Email: HB1105Comment@oag.state.md.us.
Use the subject “Re: HB 1105”