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STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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TO: Members of the Education Policy Committee

FROM: Carey M. Wright, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Schools

DATE: November 19, 2026

SUBJECT: COMAR 13A.01.02.01C *Power to Enforce Compliance with State Education Laws* (Permission to Publish)

Purpose

Staff will present proposed additions to COMAR 13A.01.02.01C, which clearly outline the State Superintendent's authority and actions that may be taken to enforce the Education Article, by-laws, rules, and regulations of the State Board.

Executive Summary

The regulation clarifies the State Superintendent's authority to monitor local school systems for compliance with applicable provisions of the Education Article and the bylaws, rules, and regulations of the State Board of Education. To carry out this oversight, the State Superintendent may require local superintendents to provide relevant data, policies, records, and written responses within a reasonable timeframe.

When noncompliance is identified, the State Superintendent may require corrective action and provide written notice specifying the actions necessary to remedy the noncompliance. The regulation also clarifies that these monitoring and corrective action authorities do not limit any other enforcement powers available to the State Board or State Superintendent under State law.

Action

For the State Board to grant permission to adopt amendments to COMAR 13A.01.02.01C *Power to Enforce Compliance with State Education Laws*.

Attachments

COMAR 13A.01.02.01C Draft Regulation

Title 13A STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subtitle 01 STATE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Chapter 02 State Superintendent of Schools

Authority: Education Article, §§2-205 and 2-303, Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 General Powers and Duties.

A. (text unchanged)

B. (text unchanged)

C. Power to Enforce Compliance with State Education Laws.

(1) The State Superintendent of Schools shall have the authority to monitor each local school system's compliance with the provisions of the Education Article within the State Superintendent's jurisdiction and the bylaws, rules, and regulations of the State Board of Education.

(2) In carrying out the State Superintendent's monitoring authority, the State Superintendent may require a local superintendent to submit, within a reasonable time, relevant data, policies, records, and written responses to questions.

(3) If the State Superintendent determines that a local school system is noncompliant, the State Superintendent may require the local superintendent to take corrective action and issue written notice of required actions to remedy the noncompliance.

(4) Nothing in this regulation limits any other enforcement authorities available to the State Board or State Superintendent, including those available under Education Article, §§2-205 and 2-303, Annotated Code of Maryland.