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## **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICE**

### **Legislative and Fiscal Summary of Administration Legislation**

**To:** Members, Anne Arundel County Council

**From:** Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs /s/

**Date:** March 2, 2026

**Subject:** Bill No. 16-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Adequate School Facilities – School Utilization Chart

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This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Government Relations Office for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 16-26.

#### **Summary**

This Bill, submitted at the request of the Office of Planning and Zoning (“OPZ”), will update the School Utilization Chart (“Chart”) to incorporate the latest projections from the 2025 Education Facilities Master Plan (“EFMP”) and the most current school enrollment numbers from Fall 2025.

This annual update of the chart is required under §17-5-502 of the Anne Arundel County Code, which requires the Planning and Zoning Officer prepare a school utilization chart at least once a year, by March 1, for approval by ordinance by the County Council. The chart shall be based on enrollments projected by the Board of Education and the capacities of schools as determined by the Board of Education as of February 1 of each year. It must determine for each public elementary, middle, and high school whether, taking into account all enrollment and student generation data provided by the Board of Education, including new students projected to be generated by new development approved since the last school utilization chart was approved, the school enrollment for each public school that is at or less than 100% of the State-rated capacity. This capacity shall be projected during the third school year after the school year in which the most recent revision of the school utilization chart is adopted, and designate for that year each public school in the County as either “open”, if the school enrollment is less than 100% of the State-rated capacity, or “closed”, if the school enrollment is at or over 100% of the State-rated capacity. The chart must also include the verified actual enrollment data for each school as of September 30 of the year immediately preceding the date of the school utilization chart. The 2025 EFMP is available online at: <https://www.aacps.org/documents/facilities/619997>.

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**Note: This Legislative and Fiscal Summary provides a synopsis of the legislation as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the legislation.**

The enrollment numbers for AACPS as submitted to OPZ have been provided to the Council.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this legislation is to update the School Utilization Chart to incorporate the latest projections from the 2025 Education Facilities Master Plan and the most current school enrollment numbers from Fall 2025, as required by Anne Arundel County Code §17-5-502.

**Fiscal Impact**

Please see the Fiscal Note the Budget Office has prepared for an explanation of the fiscal impact of this Bill.

**Additional Information**

The Government Relations Office is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill. Specific questions should be directed to Kelly Kenney, Office of Law, Lynn Miller, Office of Planning & Zoning, or Jeff Hagan, Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Thank you.

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