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	*	IN THE
	*	SUPREME COURT
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY	*	OF MARYLAND
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v.	*	Petition No. 59
	*	September Term, 2024
	*	
JOHN DOE	*	(No. 188, Sept. Term, 2024
	*	Appellate Court of Maryland)
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	*	(Cir. Ct. No. C-12-CV-23-000767)
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O R D E R

Upon consideration of the petition for a writ of certiorari to the Appellate Court of Maryland, it is this 28th day of May 2024, by the Supreme Court of Maryland,

ORDERED that the petition is granted as to the questions presented, but the questions have been rephrased as:

Does the Maryland Child Victims Act of 2023, 2023 Md. Laws ch. 5 (S.B. 686) (codified at Md. Code Ann., Cts. and Jud. Proc. § 5-117), constitute an impermissible abrogation of a vested right in violation of Article 24 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights and/or Article III, Section 40 of the Maryland Constitution?

In addition, in their briefs, the parties shall address the additional question:

As a subdivision of the State, see *Bd. of Educ. v. Sec’y of Personnel*, 317 Md. 34, 44-45 (1989), does the petitioner have standing to challenge the constitutionality of the Maryland Child Victims Act of 2023, 2023 Md. Laws ch. 5 (S.B. 686), (codified at Md. Code Ann., Cts. & Jud. Proc. § 5-117)?

A writ of certiorari shall issue to the Appellate Court of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that this case is transferred to the regular docket as No. 10, September

Term, 2024 (SCM-REG-0010-2024); and it is further

ORDERED that the appellant's brief and record extract shall be filed on or before July 8, 2024. The appellee's brief shall be filed on or before August 7, 2024. The appellant's reply brief, if any, shall be filed on or before August 26, 2024. The parties' briefs and the record extract shall be filed through the MDEC system in accordance with Maryland Rules 8-501, 8-502, 20-403, 20-404, and 20-406 ; and it is further

ORDERED that this case shall be set for argument on September 10, 2024.



/s/ Matthew J. Fader
Chief Justice

*Justice Gould did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

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WRIT OF CERTIORARI

STATE OF MARYLAND, to wit:

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE APPELLATE COURT OF MARYLAND:

WHEREAS, *Board of Education of Harford County v. John Doe*, No. 188, September Term, 2024, is pending before your Court and the Supreme Court is willing that the record and proceedings therein be certified to it.

You are hereby commanded to have the record transmitted to the Supreme Court of Maryland on or before June 11, 2024, together with this writ, for this Court to proceed thereon as justice may require.

WITNESS the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland this 28th day of May 2024.



/s/ Gregory Hilton
Clerk
Supreme Court of Maryland