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CHAPTER 55

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County - Board of Education - Pensions, Health Insurance, and**  
3 **Other Benefits**  
4 **Ho. Co. 6-04**

5 FOR the purpose of providing that members of the Howard County Board of  
6 Education may participate, under certain terms and conditions, in health  
7 insurance and other benefit programs sponsored by the Board; prohibiting  
8 certain retirement contributions and certain other benefits in which a Board  
9 member participates from being calculated as certain compensation for the  
10 members of the Howard County Board of Education; providing for the  
11 application of this Act, as to certain incumbent members of the Howard County  
12 Board of Education, with regard to the members' participation in certain health  
13 insurance and other fringe benefit programs and with regard to the payment of  
14 certain retirement and pension contributions on behalf of the members by the  
15 Board; providing that this Act does not apply to the compensation of the  
16 incumbent members of the Howard County Board of Education; and generally  
17 relating to pensions, health insurance, and other fringe benefits of the Howard  
18 County Board of Education.

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
20 Article - Education  
21 Section 3-703  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Education**

4 3-703.

5 (a) The Chairman of the County Board is entitled to receive \$14,000 annually  
6 as compensation and the other members are entitled to receive \$12,000 each annually  
7 as compensation.

8 (b) The Chairman and the other members are entitled to the allowances for  
9 travel and other expenses provided in the Howard County budget.

10 (C) THE EMPLOYER'S SHARE FOR STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION  
11 CONTRIBUTIONS MADE ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIRMAN AND OTHER BOARD  
12 MEMBERS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED COMPENSATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
13 CALCULATING COMPENSATION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

14 (D) (1) THE CHAIRMAN AND OTHER BOARD MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN  
15 HEALTH INSURANCE AND OTHER BENEFIT PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE BOARD.

16 (2) A BOARD MEMBER'S PARTICIPATION IN A BENEFIT PROGRAM  
17 SPONSORED BY THE BOARD UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED  
18 COMPENSATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING COMPENSATION UNDER  
19 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, as to the payment of the  
21 employer's share of State retirement and pension contributions, and as to members'  
22 participation in health insurance and other fringe benefit programs sponsored by the  
23 Howard County Board of Education, this Act may not be construed to apply to the  
24 incumbent members of the Howard County Board of Education in office on the  
25 effective date of this Act, but shall be applied at the beginning of each member's next  
26 term of office.

27 ~~SECTION 2. 3.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article  
28 III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or  
29 apply to the salary or compensation of the Howard County Board of Education  
30 members in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act  
31 concerning the salary or compensation of the Howard County Board of Education  
32 members shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

33 ~~SECTION 3. 4.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
34 effect October 1, 2004.

