

SENATE BILL 253

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By: **Senator Conway**

Introduced and read first time: January 17, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City Public School System – Chief Executive Officer – Advice and**
3 **Consent of the Senate**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain employment contract to be contingent on the
5 advice and consent of the Senate; and generally relating to the employment
6 contract of the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Public School
7 System.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 4–304
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 4–304.

17 (a) There is a Chief Executive Officer of the board.

18 (b) The Chief Executive Officer shall:

19 (1) Be responsible for the overall administration of the Baltimore City
20 Public School System;

21 (2) Report directly to the board;

22 (3) Be a member of the cabinet of the Mayor; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) Designate individuals with primary responsibility for each of the
2 following functions:

3 (i) Management and administration of the Baltimore City
4 Public School System;

5 (ii) Assessment and accountability of the academic performance
6 of the students in the Baltimore City Public School System;

7 (iii) Provision of services to students with disabilities in
8 accordance with federal and State law;

9 (iv) Development and implementation of initiatives for
10 educational reform; and

11 (v) Professional hiring and development.

12 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b)(4) of this section, the
13 Chief Executive Officer and the board shall be held accountable for the delegated
14 functions.

15 (d) The board shall employ the Chief Executive Officer and establish the
16 salary of the Chief Executive Officer at an amount commensurate with the credentials,
17 experience, and prior positions of responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer.

18 (e) The employment contract of the Chief Executive Officer shall provide, at
19 a minimum, that continued employment is contingent on [demonstrable]:

20 **(1) DEMONSTRABLE** improvement in the academic performance of
21 the students in the Baltimore City Public School System [and the];

22 **(2) THE** successful management of the Baltimore City public schools;
23 **AND**

24 **(3) THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.**

25 (f) The initial contract and any renewal may not exceed 4 years.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2014.