Chapter 279

(Senate Bill 203)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County - Board of Education - Salaries and Expenses

FOR the purpose of altering the compensation received by the chair, vice chair, and other nonstudent members of the Charles County Board of Education; providing that the chair, vice chair, and other nonstudent members of the county board may be reimbursed for certain expenses under certain circumstances; altering the requirements for reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by a student member of the county board; establishing a certain scholarship for a student member of the county board who fulfills a certain requirement; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the chair and members of the county board during a certain term of office; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Charles County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education Section 3–501(g), 3–502, and 3–503 Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article - Education

3-501.

- (g) (1) The student member of the Charles County Board shall be an 11th or 12th grade student in the Charles County Public School System.
- (2) The student member, and an alternate, shall be selected in accordance with procedures approved by the board. These procedures shall reflect recommendations by and involvement of the Charles County Association of Student Councils.
 - (3) The term of the student member shall be 1 year.
- (4) The student member may not vote, but may indicate a preference for or against any question before the board.

- (5) Unless invited to attend by an affirmative vote of a majority of the county board, the student member may not attend an executive session that relates to special education placements, collective bargaining, or hearings held under § 6–202 of this article.
- [(6) The student member may not receive compensation but, after submitting expense vouchers, may be reimbursed for out—of—pocket expenses incurred in connection with official duties approved by the board.]

3-502.

- (a) The county board shall elect a [chairman] CHAIR and a vice [chairman] CHAIR from among its members at an annual meeting to be held on the second Tuesday in January.
- (b) If there is a vacancy in the office of [chairman] CHAIR or vice [chairman] CHAIR, the county board shall elect a replacement within 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

3-503.

- (a) (1) The salary of the [chairman] CHAIR of the county board is:
- (i) [\$3,820] **\$5,000** for calendar [years 1999 through 2002] **YEAR 2014**; and
- (ii) [\$5,000] **\$7,000** per year beginning January 1, [2003] **2015,** and for each subsequent year.
- (2) The [chairman] CHAIR is entitled[, for travel and other expenses,] to:
- (I) \$1,500 [in calendar year 1999 and] each [subsequent] CALENDAR year FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES; AND
- (II) AFTER SUBMITTING EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND SUPPORTING RECEIPTS, REIMBURSEMENT FOR A MAXIMUM OF \$1,000 PER YEAR OF OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH ATTENDANCE AT OUT-OF-COUNTY MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES RELATED TO OFFICIAL DUTIES.
- (b) (1) The salary of the vice [chairman] CHAIR AND EACH NONSTUDENT MEMBER of the county board is:

- (i) [\$3,500] **\$4,000** for [the] calendar [years 1999 through 2002] **YEAR 2014**; and
- (ii) [\$4,000] **\$6,000** per year beginning January 1, [2003] **2015**, and **FOR** each subsequent year.
- (2) The vice [chairman is] CHAIR AND EACH NONSTUDENT MEMBER ARE entitled to:
- (I) \$600 [each year] for travel and other expenses FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014;
- (II) \$800 PER YEAR FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015, AND FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR; AND
- (III) AFTER SUBMITTING EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND SUPPORTING RECEIPTS, REIMBURSEMENT FOR A MAXIMUM OF \$1,000 PER YEAR OF OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH ATTENDANCE AT OUT-OF-COUNTY MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES RELATED TO OFFICIAL DUTIES.
 - **[**(c) (1) The salary of a member of the county board is:
 - (i) \$3,185 for the calendar years 1998 through 2002; and
- (ii) \$4,000 per year beginning January 1, 2003 and each subsequent year.
- (2) Each member is entitled to \$600 each year for travel and other expenses.]
- [(d)] (C) Each salary provided under this section shall be paid on a quarterly basis.
- (D) (1) THE STUDENT MEMBER MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION BUT, AFTER SUBMITTING EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND SUPPORTING RECEIPTS, MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH OFFICIAL DUTIES APPROVED BY THE BOARD.
- (2) A STUDENT MEMBER WHO COMPLETES A FULL TERM ON THE BOARD SHALL BE GRANTED A SCHOLARSHIP OF \$1,000 TO BE APPLIED TOWARD THE STUDENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION COSTS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the chair and members of the Charles County Board of Education while serving in a term of office beginning before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the chair and members of the Charles County Board of Education shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office. This limitation does not apply to an individual appointed or elected after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, May 5, 2014.