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(a) (1) There is a body corporate and politic known as the University System of Maryland.

(2) The University is an instrumentality of the State and a public corporation.

(3) The University is an independent unit of State government.

(4) The exercise by the University of the powers conferred by this subtitle is the performance of an essential public function.

(b) The government of the University System of Maryland is vested in the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland.

(c) The Board of Regents consists of 17 members as follows:

(1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, one member shall be a full-time student in good academic standing at an institution under the jurisdiction of the Board; and

(ii) A student member who is in good academic standing at the University of Maryland University College shall be exempt from the full-time student requirement in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph;

(2) One member shall be the State Secretary of Agriculture ex officio; and

(3) The remaining members of the Board shall be residents of the State and shall be appointed from the general public.

(d) In making appointments to the Board, the Governor shall consider representation from all parts of the State.

(e) Except for the Secretary of Agriculture, each member of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(f) (1) Except for the student member, each appointed member serves for a term of 5 years from July 1 of the year of appointment and until a successor is appointed and qualifies. These members may be reappointed.

(2) The student member shall be appointed for a term of 1 year, from July 1, and may be reappointed if the student remains a student at any campus of the University System of Maryland.

(3) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves only for the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(g) Except for the Secretary of Agriculture, a member may not serve more than 2 consecutive full terms.

(h) Each member of the Board:

(1) Serves without compensation; and

(2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations.

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