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(a) The Council consists of the following members:

- (1) The State Superintendent or the State Superintendent's designee;
- (2) The Director of the Maryland Virtual Learning Opportunities Office within the Department;
- (3) Two members of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (4) Two members of the House of Delegates of Maryland appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (5) The following members appointed by the Governor:
 - (i) One local superintendent of schools;
 - (ii) One representative of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education;
 - (iii) One representative of the Maryland Parent Teacher Association;
 - (iv) Two representatives of virtual learning providers;
 - (v) One representative of the business community;
 - (vi) One parent of a student participating in digital learning opportunities;
 - (vii) One school teacher engaged in digital instruction;
 - (viii) One member of the Baltimore Teachers Union;
 - (ix) One member of the Maryland State Education Association; and
 - (x) One charter school advocate; and
- (6) Six members appointed by the Department that are employees of local schools that have excelled in the ability to incorporate technology into the classroom.

(b) In making the appointments required under this section, the Governor and the Department shall ensure that the Council is representative of:

- (1) All geographic areas of the State; and

(2) All levels of education, including early childhood learning, elementary school, middle school, and high school.

(c) (1) The term of a member appointed under this section is 3 years.

(2) The terms of members shall be staggered.

(3) At the end of a term, a member shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

(4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun shall serve for the remainder of the term or until a successor is appointed.

(d) The Governor or the Department shall appoint a successor in the event of a vacancy on the Council.

(e) From among the members of the Council, a chair shall be elected for a 3-year term.

(f) A member of the Council may not receive compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

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