

HOUSE BILL 76

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By: ~~Delegate Grammer~~ **Baltimore County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County Board of Education – Education Transparency Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring actions of the Baltimore County Board of Education to be
4 taken at a public meeting, subject to a certain exception; requiring that a record of a
5 certain meeting and certain actions be made public; requiring any action of the
6 county board to be recorded by a ~~verbal~~ voice vote or a roll call vote of certain
7 members of the county board; requiring the county board to keep a formal record of
8 certain public meetings and make the record available for review by members of the
9 public on request; requiring any final action of the county board to be made publicly
10 available on a certain website within a certain time; requiring certain actions on the
11 county board's website to include a certain description and a certain link to a video
12 recording, under certain circumstances; authorizing the county board to take certain
13 actions in a closed session in accordance with a certain provision of law; and
14 generally relating to meetings of the Baltimore County Board of Education.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Education
17 Section 3–2B–09
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 3-2B-09.

2 (A) At the first meeting of the county board in December of each year, the county
3 board shall elect a chair and vice chair from among the members.

4 (B) (1) EXCEPT FOR THE ACTIONS AUTHORIZED BY SUBSECTION (C) OF
5 THIS SECTION, ALL ACTIONS OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE TAKEN AT A PUBLIC
6 MEETING AND A RECORD OF THE MEETING AND ALL ACTIONS SHALL BE MADE
7 PUBLIC.

8 (2) (I) ANY ACTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE RECORDED
9 BY A ~~VERBAL~~ VOICE VOTE OR A ROLL CALL VOTE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF
10 THE COUNTY BOARD WHO IS PRESENT AT THE PUBLIC MEETING.

11 (II) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL ~~KEEP~~:

12 1. KEEP A FORMAL RECORD OF EACH PUBLIC MEETING;
13 AND

14 2. MAKE THE RECORD AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY
15 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON REQUEST.

16 (3) (I) ANY FINAL ACTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE MADE
17 PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTY BOARD'S WEBSITE WITHIN ~~48~~ 72 HOURS OF
18 THE TIME THE ACTION WAS TAKEN.

19 (II) ON THE COUNTY BOARD'S WEBSITE, EACH ACTION SHALL
20 INCLUDE:

21 1. A FULL AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION
22 TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE MOTION OR QUESTION; AND

23 2. A LINK OR REFERENCE TO THE RELATED VIDEO
24 RECORDING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEETING, IF AVAILABLE.

25 (C) THE COUNTY BOARD MAY TAKE ACTIONS IN A CLOSED SESSION IN
26 ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-305 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
28 1, 2018.