

HOUSE BILL 340

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Board of Education – Salaries**

3 **Ho. Co. 17–18**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the compensation received by the chair and other elected
5 members of the Howard County Board of Education; providing that this Act does not
6 apply to the salary of the chair and other elected members of the county board during
7 a certain term of office; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the
8 Howard County Board of Education.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 3–701(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Education
16 Section 3–702 and 3–703
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 3–701.

23 (a) (1) The Howard County Board consists of:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) Seven elected members; and

2 (ii) One student member.

3 (2) The seven elected members shall be elected as follows:

4 (i) Five members, each of whom resides in a different one of the five
5 councilmanic districts in the county; and

6 (ii) Two members who may reside anywhere in the county.

7 3-702.

8 At its first meeting in December, the county board shall elect a [chairman] CHAIR
9 from among its members.

10 3-703.

11 (a) The [chairman] CHAIR of the county board is entitled to receive [\$17,000]
12 \$18,000 annually as compensation and the other elected members are entitled to receive
13 [\$15,000] \$16,000 each annually as compensation.

14 (b) After submitting vouchers under the rules and regulations adopted by the
15 county board, the [chairman] CHAIR and the other elected members are entitled to receive
16 reimbursement for travel and other expenses as provided in the Howard County budget.

17 (c) The employer's share for State retirement and pension contributions made on
18 behalf of the [chairman] CHAIR and other elected board members may not be considered
19 compensation for the purpose of calculating compensation under subsection (a) of this
20 section.

21 (d) (1) The [chairman] CHAIR and other elected board members may
22 participate in health insurance and other benefit programs sponsored by the board.

23 (2) An elected board member's participation in a benefit program
24 sponsored by the board under this subsection may not be considered compensation for the
25 purpose of calculating compensation under subsection (a) of this section.

26 (e) (1) (i) A student member who completes a full term on the board shall
27 be entitled to a scholarship of \$5,000 to be applied to the student's higher education costs.

28 (ii) The scholarship shall be paid directly to the educational
29 institution that the student attends.

30 (iii) A student may receive only one scholarship regardless of the
31 number of terms the student serves as the student member of the county board.

1 (iv) The scholarship may not be considered compensation for the
2 purpose of calculating taxable income.

3 (2) On the submission of expense vouchers, the student member is entitled
4 to reimbursement for travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of official
5 duties for the county board.

6 (3) The student member is not entitled to any compensation or payment
7 other than that specified under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection for their work as
8 the student member of the county board.

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

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2018.