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By: **Senator Carter**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners – Student Members and Task**
3 **Force to Study Compensation and Student Members**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the voting rights of and the process for selecting a student
5 member of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; establishing the Task
6 Force to Study Compensation and Student Members of the Baltimore City Board of
7 School Commissioners; and generally relating to the Baltimore City Board of School
8 Commissioners.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 3–108.1(c) and (n)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Education
16 Section 3–108.1(d) and (m)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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 3–108.1.

23 (c) There is a Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners of the Baltimore
24 City Public School System.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (d) (1) The board consists of:

2 (i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, nine
3 voting members appointed by the Mayor from a list of qualified individuals submitted to
4 the Mayor by the panel;

5 (ii) Two elected voting members; and

6 (iii) One voting student member [appointed] **ELECTED** as provided
7 in subsection (m) of this section.

8 (2) If the Mayor elects not to appoint a member from a list submitted by
9 the panel under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection, the Mayor shall reconvene the panel to
10 submit additional names of qualified candidates.

11 (m) (1) The student member shall be a student **REGULARLY** enrolled **IN THE**
12 **STUDENT'S JUNIOR OR SENIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL** in the Baltimore City Public
13 School System who shall be [selected by the Associated Student Congress of Baltimore
14 City] **ELECTED BY THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE BALTIMORE**
15 **CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED**
16 **BY THE BOARD IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT CONGRESS OF**
17 **BALTIMORE CITY.**

18 (2) The term of a student member is 1 year.

19 (3) A student member may not serve more than two consecutive full terms.

20 (4) The student member may vote on [all] matters before the board
21 [except], **INCLUDING** those relating to:

22 [(i) Personnel;]

23 [(ii)] **(I)** Capital and operating budgets;

24 [(iii)] **(II)** School closings, reopenings, and boundaries; **AND**

25 [(iv) Collective bargaining decisions;]

26 [(v)] **(III)** Student disciplinary matters[; and

27 (vi) Appeals to the board as provided under §§ 4–205 and 6–202 of
28 this article].

29 (5) **THE STUDENT MEMBER MAY NOT VOTE ON MATTERS BEFORE THE**

1 **BOARD RELATING TO PERSONNEL AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING DECISIONS.**

2 (6) The student member may [not] attend or participate in an executive or
3 special session of the board.

4 (n) Any action by the board shall require:

5 (1) A quorum of a majority of the voting members then serving; and

6 (2) The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members then serving.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

8 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Compensation and Student Members of the
9 Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

10 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

11 (1) one member of the Baltimore City Senate Delegation, appointed by the
12 President of the Senate;

13 (2) one member of the Baltimore City House Delegation, appointed by the
14 Speaker of the House;

15 (3) three members, appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City, of whom one
16 member shall be a resident of Baltimore City who is not employed by the City, the State,
17 or the federal government;

18 (4) two members, appointed by the Chair of the Baltimore City Board of
19 School Commissioners; and

20 (5) two members, appointed by the President of the City Council of
21 Baltimore City, of whom one member shall be a resident of Baltimore City who is not
22 employed by the City, the State, or the federal government.

23 (c) The Mayor of Baltimore City shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

24 (d) The Office of the Mayor of Baltimore City shall provide staff for the Task
25 Force.

26 (e) A member of the Task Force:

27 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

28 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
29 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

1 (f) The Task Force shall:

2 (1) study the compensation of members of the Baltimore City Board of
3 School Commissioners, including the student members;

4 (2) study the possibility and effect of adding a second student member to
5 the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; and

6 (3) make recommendations regarding the amount of and revenue stream
7 for any proposed compensation to begin with the Baltimore City budget for fiscal year 2025.

8 (g) On or before April 1, 2024, the Task Force shall report its findings and
9 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
10 Government Article, the General Assembly.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2023. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of
13 June 30, 2024, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General
14 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.