

SENATE BILL 78

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By: **Senator Sydnor**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission**
3 **– Records and Meetings Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing that certain records requested by and submitted to the
5 Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission are not confidential and
6 are subject to certain disclosure requirements; requiring certain meetings of the
7 Commission to be public; and generally relating to records and meetings of the
8 Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 3–2B–03(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 3–2B–03.

18 (a) (1) There is a Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission.

19 (2) The purpose of the Commission is to select nominees to be
20 recommended to the Governor as qualified candidates for appointment to the Baltimore
21 County Board of Education.

22 (3) (i) The Commission shall hold at least three public hearings, each
23 in a different councilmanic district, on the selection of multiple nominees before

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 recommending to the Governor nominees for appointment to the county board.

2 (ii) For a single vacancy on the county board, the Commission shall
3 hold public meetings in the following manner on the selection of a nominee before
4 recommending to the Governor the nominee for appointment to the county board:

5 1. For a vacancy in a councilmanic district, at least one public
6 meeting in that councilmanic district; or

7 2. For a vacancy for a member appointed at large, at least
8 one public meeting at the county board administrative offices.

9 (iii) The Commission shall make publicly available on its website:

10 1. Live video streaming of each public meeting; and

11 2. A complete and unedited archived video recording of each
12 public meeting for which live streaming was made available under item 1 of this
13 subparagraph.

14 **(4) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, AN**
15 **APPLICATION TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD, OR**
16 **ANY RECORD REQUESTED OR RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION FROM AN APPLICANT,**
17 **IS NOT CONFIDENTIAL AND IS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER TITLE 4 OF THE**
18 **GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE.**

19 **(5) A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
20 **IF IT INVOLVES AN INTERVIEW OF, DELIBERATION ABOUT, OR ACTION ON A**
21 **CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2024.