

# SENATE BILL 737

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By: **Harford County Senators**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Harford Community College Board of Trustees – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a member of the Harford Community College Board of  
4 Trustees be a resident of Harford County for the duration of the member’s term;  
5 ~~altering, beginning on a certain date, the residency requirements of the appointed~~  
6 ~~members from Harford County councilmanic districts in a certain manner; the~~  
7 membership of the Harford Community College Board of Trustees; requiring the  
8 Governor to consider certain factors when appointing members to the Board; altering  
9 meeting requirements so that the Harford Community College Board of Trustees and  
10 the Harford County Board of Education are no longer required to attend certain  
11 meetings; and generally relating to the Harford Community College Board of  
12 Trustees.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Education  
15 Section 16–408  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

18 BY adding to  
19 Article – Education  
20 Section 16–408.1  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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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.



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

**Article – Education**

16–408.

(a) (1) The **HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE** Board of [Community College] Trustees [for Harford County] consists of nine members APPOINTED FROM THE COUNTY AT LARGE.

(2) Subject to paragraph ~~(4)~~ **(3)** of this subsection, each of the members shall be:

(i) A resident of Harford County **FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEMBER’S TERM**; and

(ii) Appointed by the Governor for terms of 5 years.

~~(3) Of the nine members:~~

~~(i) **SIX** BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, SIX shall be appointed [with one from each of the six councilmanic districts] ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING:~~

~~1. **THREE MEMBERS RESIDING IN COUNCILMANIC DISTRICTS A, B, OR F**; and~~

~~2. **THREE MEMBERS RESIDING IN COUNCILMANIC DISTRICTS C, D, OR E**; AND~~

~~(ii) Three shall be appointed from the county at large.~~

~~(4) No member may be a member of the Harford County Board of Education while serving as a member of the Board.~~

(b) A member of the Board may not serve for more than two consecutive 5–year terms.

~~(c) At least twice annually, the Board of Community College Trustees, the College President, the Harford County Board of Education, and the Superintendent of the Harford County public schools shall meet to discuss issues of mutual concern.] TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, WHEN APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD, THE GOVERNOR SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE GEOGRAPHIC AND ETHNIC REPRESENTATION OF HARFORD COUNTY SO THAT ALL SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION OF THE COUNTY ARE REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD.~~

1 **16-408.1.**

2 **AT LEAST TWICE ANNUALLY, THE PRESIDENT OF HARFORD COMMUNITY**  
3 **COLLEGE AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
4 **SHALL MEET TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
6 1, 2024.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.