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**By: Montgomery County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County - Board of Education - Election of Student Member**

3 **MC 711-97**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a provision relating to the election of the student member of  
5 the Montgomery County Board of Education to allow all students in public middle  
6 and high schools in Montgomery County to vote for the student member; and  
7 providing for a delayed effective date.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article - Education

10 Section 3-901(e)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (1997 Replacement Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Education**

16 3-901.

17 (e) (1) The student member shall be a bona fide resident of Montgomery  
18 County and a regularly enrolled junior or senior year student from a Montgomery County  
19 public high school.

20 (2) The nomination and election process shall be as agreed on by the  
21 County Board and the Montgomery County region of the Maryland Association of  
22 Student Councils. This agreement shall include a process by which to replace one or both  
23 of the final candidates if they are unable to proceed in the election. Any student enrolled  
24 in [grades 7 through 12] A MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL in the Montgomery County  
25 public schools may:

26 (i) Nominate a student member candidate;

27 (ii) Vote for delegates from the student's school, who in turn vote in a  
28 nominating convention to reduce to 2 the number of candidates for student Board  
29 member if there are 3 or more candidates; and

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1 (iii) Vote directly for 1 of the 2 remaining student Board member  
2 candidates.

3 (3) The candidate receiving the second highest number of votes in the direct  
4 election shall become the alternate student member. The alternate shall serve if the  
5 student member is unable to complete his elected term.

6 (4) Except as provided in paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) of this subsection, the  
7 student member has the same rights and privileges of an elected member.

8 (5) Unless invited to attend by the affirmative vote of a majority of the  
9 County Board, the student member may not attend an executive session that relates to:

10 (i) Hearings held under § 6-202(a) of this article; or

11 (ii) Collective bargaining.

12 (6) As provided in paragraph (7) of this subsection, the student member  
13 shall vote on all matters except those relating to:

14 (i) § 6-202(a) of this article;

15 (ii) Collective bargaining;

16 (iii) Capital and operating budgets; and

17 (iv) School closings, reopenings, and boundaries.

18 (7) On a majority vote of the elected members, the Board may determine,  
19 on a case by case basis, whether a matter under consideration is covered by the  
20 exclusionary provisions listed in paragraph (6) of this subsection.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 July 1, 1998.