
By: **Delegate Heller**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Education - Meetings - Public Comments**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to hold a public comment
4 period for a certain length of time after State Board meetings; requiring the
5 State Board to adopt regulations to implement the public comment period; and
6 generally relating to a public comment period after State Board meetings.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Education
9 Section 2-204
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Education**

15 2-204.

16 (a) (1) Each year, the State Board shall hold:

17 (i) A meeting in July; and

18 (ii) At least three other regular meetings.

19 (2) The Board may hold special meetings as necessary.

20 (b) (1) At the annual Board meeting in July, the State Board shall select a
21 president and a vice-president from among its members.

22 (2) A member may not serve for more than 4 years as president.

23 (c) (1) The State Superintendent is the Chief Executive, Secretary, and
24 Treasurer of the State Board.

1 (2) He shall attend each meeting of the Board and of its committees,
2 except when his own tenure, salary, or the administration of his office are under
3 consideration.

4 (3) He may advise the Board on any question under consideration, but
5 may not vote.

6 (d) A member of the State Board serves without compensation but is entitled
7 to reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the Standard State Travel
8 Regulations.

9 (e) The affirmative vote of a majority of the members then serving on the
10 State Board is required for any action by the Board.

11 (F) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR UP
12 TO 30 MINUTES AFTER A STATE BOARD MEETING.

13 (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT NECESSARY AND PROPER RULES
14 TO IMPLEMENT THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AFTER A STATE BOARD MEETING.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 July 1, 1999.