

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 604

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, after “Hollinger,” insert “McCabe,”; and in the sponsor line, strike “and Van Hollen” and substitute “Van Hollen, Harris, and Jacobs”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 4, after “boards;” insert “specifying certain charter school application requirements; prohibiting a county board from granting a charter to certain schools; requiring a county board to review an application to establish a charter school and render a decision within a certain time period;”; in line 6, strike “school districts” and substitute “county boards”; in the same line, after “policy;” insert “establishing a certain liaison for the Program;”.

On page 2, in line 22, strike “SCHOOL DISTRICT” and substitute “COUNTY BOARD”.

On page 3, in line 5, strike “SCHOOL DISTRICT” and substitute “COUNTY BOARD”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 11, strike “AND IS OPERATED UNDER PUBLIC DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION”; in line 24, before the first “THE” insert “(A)”; in the same line, after the first “THE” insert “PRIMARY”; and after line 25, insert:

“(B) THE SECONDARY PUBLIC CHARTERING AUTHORITY FOR THE GRANTING OF CHARTERS SHALL BE THE STATE BOARD ACTING IN ITS APPEAL REVIEW CAPACITY.

“(C) THE STATE BOARD MAY CREATE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC CHARTERING AUTHORITIES.”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 27, after “(A)” insert “(1)”; after line 29, insert:

“(2) AN APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL MAY BE SUBMITTED TO A COUNTY BOARD BY:

(I) THE STAFF OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL;

(II) A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT WHO ATTENDS A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY;

(III) A NONPROFIT ENTITY;

(IV) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE; OR

(V) ANY COMBINATION OF PERSONS SPECIFIED IN ITEMS (I) THROUGH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(3) A COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT GRANT A CHARTER UNDER THIS TITLE TO:

(I) A PRIVATE SCHOOL;

(II) A PAROCHIAL SCHOOL; OR

(III) A HOME SCHOOL.

(4) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL REVIEW THE APPLICATION AND RENDER A DECISION WITHIN 120 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION.”;

in line 32, after “BOARD” insert “, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 4-205 OF THIS ARTICLE”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, in line 5, before “EACH” insert “(A)”; and after line 6, insert:

“(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE A STAFF PERSON TO FUNCTION

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AS A LIAISON TO THE MARYLAND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.”.