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By: **Delegate Krebs**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Ethics Commission, Commission on Judicial Disabilities, Judicial Ethics**
3 **Committee, and Joint Ethics Committee – Duties**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that the Judicial Ethics Committee ~~rather than~~, as an
5 alternative to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities or another body designated by
6 a certain court, shall administer and implement certain provisions of law that apply
7 to State officials of the Judicial Branch; making stylistic changes; and generally
8 relating to duties of the Ethics Commission, Commission on Judicial Disabilities,
9 Joint Ethics Committee, and Judicial Ethics Committee.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – General Provisions
12 Section 5–104 and 5–819
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Volume)

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

17 **Article – General Provisions**

18 5–104.

19 [This title shall be administered and implemented by:]

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.



1 **(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION,**
2 **THIS TITLE SHALL BE ADMINISTERED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE ETHICS**
3 **COMMISSION.**

4 **[(1) (B) [the] THE** Joint Ethics Committee, acting as an advisory body
5 **[as to the application of], SHALL ADMINISTER AND IMPLEMENT** Subtitle 5 of this title **AS**
6 **IT APPLIES** to members of the General Assembly[;].

7 **[(2) (C) ~~the~~ THE** Commission on Judicial Disabilities] **~~THE, THE~~**
8 **JUDICIAL ETHICS COMMITTEE,** or another body designated by the Court of Appeals,
9 acting as an advisory body [as to the application of], **SHALL ADMINISTER AND**
10 **IMPLEMENT** Subtitles 5 and 6 of this title **AS THOSE SUBTITLES APPLY** to State officials
11 of the Judicial Branch[; and

12 (3) in all other matters, the Ethics Commission].

13 5-819.

14 (a) A school board shall submit regulations adopted under this part, and
15 amendments to adopted regulations, to the Ethics Commission for review and approval or
16 disapproval.

17 (b) If the Ethics Commission does not disapprove a regulation or an amendment
18 to a regulation within 60 days after its submission, the regulation or amendment is deemed
19 to have been approved and becomes effective.

20 (c) (1) The Ethics Commission may disapprove a regulation or an amendment
21 to a regulation only if the Ethics Commission finds that the regulation or amendment is
22 not in substantial compliance with this part.

23 (2) If the Ethics Commission disapproves a regulation or an amendment,
24 the Ethics Commission shall promptly notify the school board of the action.

25 (d) On request of a school board, the Ethics Commission shall advise and assist
26 the school board in preparing regulations that comply with this [title] **PART.**

27 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2015.