

SENATE BILL 22

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By: **Senator Benson**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Services – Interagency Council on Homelessness – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Interagency Council on Homelessness;
4 increasing the number of representatives from diverse geographical regions of the
5 State engaged in homeless advocacy; specifying the chair of the Council; repealing
6 certain provisions of law regarding the designation of the chair of the Council and
7 the terms of the chair of the Council; stating the intent of the General Assembly that
8 certain designees have certain decision making authority under certain
9 circumstances; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the Interagency
10 Council on Homelessness.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Human Services
13 Section 6–418
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Human Services
18 Section 6–419
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

21 BY repealing

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 Article – Human Services
2 Section 6–420
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

5 BY renumbering
6 Article – Human Services
7 Section 6–421, 6–422, 6–423, and 6–424, respectively
8 to be Section 6–420, 6–421, 6–422, and 6–423, respectively
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Human Services**

14 6–418.

15 There is an Interagency Council on Homelessness.

16 6–419.

17 (a) The Council consists of the following members:

18 (1) the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary’s designee;

19 (2) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary’s designee;

20 (3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary’s
21 designee;

22 (4) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the
23 Secretary’s designee;

24 (5) the Secretary, or the Secretary’s designee;

25 (6) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary’s
26 designee;

27 (7) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the
28 Secretary’s designee;

29 (8) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent’s
30 designee;

31 (9) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary’s designee;

1 (10) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary's designee;

2 (11) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee; ~~and~~

3 **(12) THE SECRETARY OF DISABILITIES, OR THE SECRETARY'S**
 4 **DESIGNEE; AND**

5 ~~(12)~~ **(13)** the following members, appointed by the Governor:

6 (i) one representative of the Governor's Office for Children;

7 (ii) three representatives of local Continuums of Care;

8 (iii) ~~[six]~~ **NINE** representatives from diverse geographical regions of
 9 the State engaged in homeless advocacy with a focus on housing, employment, and access
 10 to ~~[healthcare]~~ **HEALTH CARE**; and

11 (iv) one community representative who has personally experienced
 12 homelessness.

13 (b) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

14 **(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL BE THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL.**

15 **[6-420.**

16 (a) From among its members, the Council shall elect a chair.

17 (b) After the election of the first chair, a candidate for chair must be a member of
 18 the Council who attended at least a majority of the Council's meetings during the year
 19 immediately preceding the election.

20 (c) The term of the chair is 2 years.

21 (d) The chair may not serve consecutive terms.]

22 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 6-421, 6-422,**
 23 **6-423, and 6-424, respectively, of Article – Human Services of the Annotated Code of**
 24 **Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 6-420, 6-421, 6-422, and 6-423, respectively.**

25 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General**
 26 **Assembly that a Secretary's or State Superintendent's designee on the Interagency Council**
 27 **on Homelessness have decision making authority on issues that relate to the work of the**
 28 **Council.**

1 SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.