

Chapter 331

(Senate Bill 22)

AN ACT concerning

Human Services – Interagency Council on Homelessness – Membership

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

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Human Services
Section 6–418
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Human Services
Section 6–419 *and* ~~6–420~~
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

~~BY repealing~~

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

~~BY renumbering~~

~~Article – Human Services
Section 6–421, 6–422, 6–423, and 6–424, respectively
to be Section 6–420, 6–421, 6–422, and 6–423, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)~~

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

Article – Human Services

6-418.

There is an Interagency Council on Homelessness.

6-419.

(a) The Council consists of the following members:

- (1) the Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary's designee;
- (2) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;
- (3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;
- (4) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee;
- (5) the Secretary, or the Secretary's designee;
- (6) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's designee;
- (7) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary's designee;
- (8) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's designee;
- (9) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;
- (10) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary's designee;
- (11) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee; ~~and~~

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

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

- (i) one representative of the Governor's Office for Children;
- (ii) three representatives of local Continuums of Care;

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

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

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

~~(c) THE SECRETARY SHALL BE THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL.~~

~~6-420.~~

(a) ~~From among its members, the Council shall elect a chair~~ **THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE AS CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL A MEMBER WHO IS A SECRETARY OR A SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE WITH DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY ON ISSUES THAT RELATE TO THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL.**

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

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

~~(c) (C)~~ The chair may not serve consecutive terms.

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that a Secretary's or State Superintendent's designee on the Interagency Council on Homelessness have decision making authority on issues that relate to the work of the Council.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2016.