

# HOUSE BILL 1565

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County Board of Education – Academic Revitalization and**  
3 **Management Effectiveness Initiative – Repeal**

4 **PG 402–17**

5 FOR the purpose of revising the composition of the Prince George's County Board of  
6 Education from an elected and appointed board to an elected board; altering the  
7 number of members on the county board; altering the method by which a vacancy on  
8 the county board is filled; requiring the county board to hold a certain annual  
9 meeting; altering the number of affirmative votes necessary for the passage of a  
10 motion by the county board under certain circumstances; repealing certain  
11 provisions relating to the position, powers, and responsibilities of the Chief Executive  
12 Officer of the Prince George's County public school system; providing that in Prince  
13 George's County the county superintendent is the executive officer, secretary, and  
14 treasurer of the county board; subjecting the county superintendent of Prince  
15 George's County to the statutory requirements of a county superintendent; requiring  
16 the county board to employ certain individuals in certain circumstances; requiring  
17 the county superintendent to nominate certain positions for appointment by the  
18 county board; repealing the requirement that the County Executive of Prince  
19 George's County and the Prince George's County Council appoint certain members  
20 to the county board on or before a certain date; repealing the requirement that a  
21 certain search committee be appointed; repealing the requirement that the Chief  
22 Executive Officer and the county board hire a certain consultant and make certain  
23 recommendations on or before a certain date; repealing the requirement that the  
24 County Executive, Chief Executive Officer, and the county board submit certain  
25 reports on or before certain dates; repealing the requirement that the General  
26 Assembly deliberate and determine whether certain provisions of law should be  
27 terminated during a certain session; providing that the terms of certain appointed  
28 members of the county board terminate on a certain date; repealing a certain  
29 definition; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the Prince George's  
30 County Board of Education.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
2 Article – Education  
3 Section 3–105, 3–114, 3–1002 through 3–1004, 4–101, 4–102, 4–120, 4–201, 4–202,  
4 4–204, 4–206, and 6–201(a) and (b)  
5 Annotated Code of Maryland  
6 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

7 BY repealing  
8 Article – Education  
9 Section 4–201.1; and 4–401 through 4–403 and the subtitle “Subtitle 4. Prince  
10 George’s County”  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

13 BY repealing  
14 Chapter 147 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013  
15 Section 2 through 4

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 3–105.

20 (a) Subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this section do not apply to a county if the  
21 number of members of the county board is regulated by other provisions of this title.

22 (b) If a county school system has an enrollment of less than 50,000 students, the  
23 county board shall have five members, except that:

24 (1) The Worcester County Board shall have the number of members  
25 provided in subsection (e) of this section;

26 (2) Any county board that had more than five members on July 1, 1969,  
27 shall retain that number of members; and

28 (3) The Wicomico County Board shall have the number of members  
29 provided in subsection (f) of this section.

30 (c) If a county school system has an enrollment of 50,000 students or more but  
31 less than 100,000 students, the county board shall have seven members.

32 (d) If a county school system has an enrollment of 100,000 students or more, the  
33 county board shall have nine members except as provided in § 3–901 of this title for  
34 Montgomery County [and § 3–1002 of this title for Prince George’s County].

1 (e) The Worcester County Board consists of seven voting members and one  
2 nonvoting student member from each public high school in the county.

3 (f) (1) The Wicomico County Board consists of seven members.

4 (2) The term of a member is 5 years.

5 3-114.

6 (a) In the following counties, the members of the county board shall be elected:

7 (1) Allegany;

8 (2) Calvert;

9 (3) Carroll;

10 (4) Cecil;

11 (5) Charles;

12 (6) Dorchester;

13 (7) Frederick;

14 (8) Garrett;

15 (9) Howard;

16 (10) Kent;

17 (11) Montgomery;

18 **(12) PRINCE GEORGE'S;**

19 **[(12)] (13) Queen Anne's;**

20 **[(13)] (14) St. Mary's;**

21 **[(14)] (15) Somerset;**

22 **[(15)] (16) Talbot;**

23 **[(16)] (17) Washington; and**

1            [(17)] (18) Worcester.

2            (b) In Baltimore City, in accordance with § 3–108.1 of this subtitle, the members  
3 of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall be a combination of members  
4 who are elected and appointed.

5            (c) In Baltimore County, in accordance with Subtitle 2A of this title, the members  
6 of the county board shall be a combination of members who are elected and appointed.

7            (d) In Caroline County, in accordance with Subtitle 3A of this title, the members  
8 of the county board shall be a combination of members who are elected and appointed.

9            (e) In Harford County, in accordance with Subtitle 6A of this title, the members  
10 of the county board shall be a combination of members who are elected and appointed.

11           [(f) In Prince George’s County, in accordance with Subtitle 10 of this title, the  
12 members of the county board shall be a combination of members who are elected and  
13 appointed.]

14           [(g)] (F) An individual subject to the authority of the county board may not serve  
15 as a member of the county board. At the time of filing a certificate of candidacy for election  
16 to a county board, a person shall certify to the local board of supervisors of elections whether  
17 or not the person is subject to the authority of the county board. The Governor may not  
18 issue a commission of election to a person who has certified affirmatively and who is elected  
19 to a county board until the member–elect offers proof that the member–elect is no longer  
20 subject to the authority of the county board.

21           [(h)] (G) The election of the county boards shall be held as provided in Subtitles  
22 2 through 14 of this title and the Election Law Article.

23 3–1002.

24           (a) [(1) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

25                    (2) “Appointed member” means a member of the Prince George’s County  
26 Board appointed under subsection (f) of this section.

27                    (3) “Elected] **IN THIS SUBTITLE, “ELECTED** member” means a member of  
28 the Prince George’s County Board elected from one of the nine school board districts  
29 described in § 3–1001 of this subtitle.

30            (b) The Prince George’s County Board consists of [14] **10** members as follows:

31                    (1) Nine elected members, each of whom resides in a different school board  
32 district; **AND**

1            [(2) Four appointed members; and]

2            [(3)] (2)        One student member selected under subsection [(g)(2)] (F)(2) of  
3 this section.

4            (c)    (1)        One member of the county board shall be elected from each of the nine  
5 school board districts described in § 3–1001 of this subtitle.

6            (2)        From the time of filing as a candidate for election, each candidate shall  
7 be a registered voter of the county and a resident of the school board district the candidate  
8 seeks to represent.

9            (3)        An elected county board member shall forfeit the office if the member:

10            (i)        Fails to reside in the school board district from which the  
11 member was elected, unless this change is caused by a change in the boundaries of the  
12 district; or

13            (ii)       Fails to be a registered voter of the county.

14            (4)        A county board member may not hold another office of profit in county  
15 government during the member's term.

16            (5)        Each elected member of the county board shall be nominated by the  
17 registered voters of the member's school board district.

18            (d)        The elected members of the county board shall be elected:

19            (1)        At the general election every 4 years as required by subsection (g) of  
20 this section; and

21            (2)        By the voters of the school board district that each member represents.

22            (e)        (1)        If a candidate for the county board dies or withdraws the candidacy  
23 during the period beginning with the date of the primary and ending 70 days before the  
24 date of the general election, the Board of Elections shall:

25            (i)        Replace the name of the deceased or withdrawn candidate on the  
26 ballot for the general election with the name of the candidate who received the next highest  
27 number of votes in the primary election; or

28            (ii)       If a contested primary was not held, reopen the filing process to  
29 allow other persons to file as candidates.

30            (2)        (i)        Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (ii) of this  
31 paragraph, the Board of Elections shall add to the ballot for the general election the name

1 of any person who files as a candidate in accordance with paragraph (1)(ii) of this  
2 subsection.

3 (ii) The Board of Elections may not add additional candidates to the  
4 ballot for the general election within 70 days before the date of the election.

5 [(f) (1) The appointed members of the county board shall be appointed as  
6 follows:

7 (i) Three members shall be appointed by the County Executive of  
8 Prince George's County as follows:

9 1. One member shall possess a high level of knowledge and  
10 expertise concerning education;

11 2. One member shall possess a high level of business,  
12 finance, or higher education experience; and

13 3. One member shall possess a high level of knowledge and  
14 expertise concerning the successful administration of a large business, nonprofit, or  
15 governmental entity; and

16 (ii) The Prince George's County Council shall appoint one member  
17 who is a parent of a student enrolled in the Prince George's County public school system as  
18 of the date of the appointment of the member.

19 (2) Each appointed member of the county board shall be a resident of  
20 Prince George's County.]

21 [(g) (F) (1) The student member shall be an eleventh or twelfth grade  
22 student in the Prince George's County public school system during the student's term in  
23 office.

24 (2) An eligible student shall file a nomination form at least 2 weeks before  
25 a special election meeting of the Prince George's Regional Association of Student  
26 Governments. Nomination forms shall be made available in the administrative offices of all  
27 public senior high schools in the county, the office of student concerns, and the office of the  
28 president of the regional association. The delegates to the regional association annually  
29 shall elect the student member to the board at a special election meeting to be held each  
30 school year.

31 (3) The student member may vote on all matters before the board except  
32 those relating to:

33 (i) Capital and operating budgets;

34 (ii) School closings, reopenings, and boundaries;

- 1 (iii) Collective bargaining decisions;
- 2 (iv) Student disciplinary matters;
- 3 (v) Teacher and administrator disciplinary matters as provided  
4 under § 6–202(a) of this article; and
- 5 (vi) Other personnel matters.

6 (4) On an affirmative vote of a majority of the elected [and appointed]  
7 members of the county board, the board may determine if a matter before the board relates  
8 to a subject that the student member may not vote on under paragraph (3) of this  
9 subsection.

10 (5) Unless invited to attend by an affirmative vote of a majority of the  
11 elected [and appointed] members of the county board, the student member may not attend  
12 an executive session that relates to hearings on appeals of special education placements,  
13 hearings held under § 6–202(a) of this article, or collective bargaining.

14 (6) The Prince George’s Regional Association of Student Governments may  
15 establish procedures for the election of the student member of the county board.

16 (7) The election procedures established by the Prince George’s Regional  
17 Association of Student Governments are subject to the approval of the elected [and  
18 appointed] members of the county board.

19 [(h)] (G) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an elected  
20 member serves for a term of 4 years beginning on the first Monday in December after the  
21 member’s election and until the member’s successor is elected and qualifies.

22 (2) The terms of the elected members are staggered as follows:

23 (i) The five elected members who received the lowest percentage of  
24 votes, as determined by the final vote count of the 2010 General Election as certified by the  
25 Board of Elections, shall serve for a term of 2 years; and

26 (ii) The other four members elected in the 2010 General Election  
27 shall serve for a term of 4 years.

28 [(3)] (3) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, an appointed  
29 member:

30 (i) Serves for a term of 4 years beginning on the date of  
31 appointment;

1 (ii) May be reappointed; and

2 (iii) Serves until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

3 (4) The terms of the appointed members are staggered as follows:

4 (i) The members appointed under subsection (f)(1)(i)1 and 2 of this  
5 section on or before June 1, 2013, shall serve for an initial term of 4 years; and

6 (ii) The member appointed under subsection (f)(1)(i)3 and (ii) of this  
7 section on or before June 1, 2013, shall serve for an initial term of 2 years.]

8 [(5)] (3) The student member serves for a term of 1 year beginning at the  
9 end of a school year.

10 (4) (I) 1. A SEAT ON THE COUNTY BOARD HELD BY AN ELECTED  
11 MEMBER THAT BECOMES VACANT MORE THAN 180 DAYS BEFORE THE END OF THAT  
12 MEMBER'S TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BE FILLED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM  
13 AT A SPECIAL ELECTION.

14 2. A SEAT ON THE COUNTY BOARD HELD BY AN ELECTED  
15 MEMBER THAT BECOMES VACANT 180 DAYS OR LESS BEFORE THE END OF THAT  
16 MEMBER'S TERM OF OFFICE SHALL REMAIN VACANT UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS  
17 ELECTED AND QUALIFIES.

18 (II) 1. A. NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS AFTER THE  
19 OCCURRENCE OF A VACANCY ON THE COUNTY BOARD THAT MUST BE FILLED AT A  
20 SPECIAL ELECTION, THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT A RESOLUTION  
21 DIRECTING THAT A SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION  
22 BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT WHERE THE VACANCY OCCURS.

23 B. THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL CONSULT WITH THE  
24 BOARD OF ELECTIONS BEFORE ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION.

25 2. SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS  
26 PARAGRAPH, THE COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION SHALL SPECIFY:

27 A. THE DATE BY WHICH A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY  
28 MUST BE FILED WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS;

29 B. THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION; AND

30 C. THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION.



1                   **3. NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE**  
2 **COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL PUBLISH THE**  
3 **INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE RESOLUTION ONCE IN AT LEAST ONE NEWSPAPER**  
4 **OF GENERAL CIRCULATION.**

5                   **(III) 1. A CANDIDATE SHALL FILE A CERTIFICATE OF**  
6 **CANDIDACY WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS NO LATER THAN 28 DAYS BEFORE A**  
7 **SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IN ORDER TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT.**

8                   **2. THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ARE SUBJECT TO**  
9 **SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH:**

10                   **A. A SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL BE HELD ON A**  
11 **TUESDAY AT LEAST 45 DAYS BUT NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE OCCURRENCE**  
12 **OF A VACANCY.**

13                   **B. A SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE HELD ON A**  
14 **TUESDAY AT LEAST 60 DAYS BUT NO LATER THAN 90 DAYS AFTER THE OCCURRENCE**  
15 **OF A VACANCY.**

16                   **3. A SPECIAL ELECTION MAY NOT BE HELD LESS THAN**  
17 **30 DAYS BEFORE A REGULARLY SCHEDULED ELECTION.**

18                   **4. ON THE DAY OF A SPECIAL ELECTION, POLLING**  
19 **PLACES SHALL BE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.**

20                   **(IV) 1. NO LATER THAN 10 DAYS BEFORE A SPECIAL**  
21 **PRIMARY ELECTION AND SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION, THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
22 **SHALL MAIL A SPECIMEN BALLOT TO THE HOUSEHOLD OF EACH REGISTERED VOTER**  
23 **IN THE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT WHERE THE VACANCY OCCURS.**

24                   **2. THE SPECIMEN BALLOT SHALL INCLUDE THE NAMES**  
25 **OF THE CANDIDATES IN THE ORDER AND FORM IN WHICH THEY ARE TO APPEAR ON**  
26 **THE BALLOT, TOGETHER WITH A STATEMENT, NOT TO EXCEED 500 WORDS,**  
27 **PROVIDED BY EACH CANDIDATE.**

28                   **(V) 1. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL FUND A SPECIAL**  
29 **ELECTION HELD UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.**

30                   **2. THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL SUBMIT A**  
31 **REQUEST FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF**  
32 **THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET TO COVER THE COST OF A SPECIAL**  
33 **ELECTION NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION.**

1                   **(VI) A SPECIAL ELECTION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE**  
 2 **GOVERNED BY TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 8 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE AND ALL**  
 3 **OTHER RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS**  
 4 **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE OR WHERE SUCH**  
 5 **CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE UNREASONABLE.**

6                   **[(6) (i)** Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, if a seat held by  
 7 an elected member of the county board becomes vacant, the County Executive shall:

8                                   1. Appoint a qualified individual to fill the seat for the  
 9 remainder of the term; and

10                                  2. Transmit the name of the appointee to the clerk of the  
 11 County Council.

12                               (ii) If the County Council does not disapprove an appointment under  
 13 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph by a two-thirds vote of all members of the County  
 14 Council within 45 days after the transmittal of the name of the appointee, the appointment  
 15 shall be considered approved.]

16                   **[(i)] (H) (1)** With the approval of the Governor, the State Board may remove  
 17 a member of the county board for any of the following reasons:

18                               (i) Immorality;

19                               (ii) Misconduct in office;

20                               (iii) Incompetency; or

21                               (iv) Willful neglect of duty.

22                               (2) Before removing a member, the State Board shall send the member a  
 23 copy of the charges pending and give the member an opportunity within 10 days to request  
 24 a hearing.

25                               (3) If the member requests a hearing within the 10-day period:

26                               (i) The State Board promptly shall hold a hearing, but a hearing  
 27 may not be set within 10 days after the State Board sends the member a notice of the  
 28 hearing; and

29                               (ii) The member shall have an opportunity to be heard publicly  
 30 before the State Board in the member's own defense, in person or by counsel.

1 (4) A member removed under this subsection has the right to judicial  
2 review of the removal by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County based on an  
3 administrative record and such additional evidence as would be authorized by § 10-222(f)  
4 and (g) of the State Government Article.

5 [(j)] (I) While serving on the county board, a member may not be a candidate  
6 for a public office other than a position on the county board.

7 3-1003.

8 (a) (1) From and after December 4, 2006, at the beginning of each member's  
9 full term, the chair of the county board is entitled to receive \$19,000 annually as  
10 compensation and the other elected [and appointed] members are each entitled to receive  
11 \$18,000 annually as compensation.

12 (2) Each elected [and appointed] member of the county board may be  
13 provided health insurance and other fringe benefits regularly provided to employees of the  
14 Board of Education under the same terms and conditions extended to other employees of  
15 the Board of Education.

16 (b) (1) After submitting vouchers under the rules and regulations adopted by  
17 the county board, the chair and the other members, including the student member, are  
18 entitled to the allowances for travel and other expenses provided in the Prince George's  
19 County budget.

20 (2) A member of the county board may not be reimbursed more than \$7,000  
21 in travel and other expenses incurred in a single fiscal year.

22 (c) The county board may not issue a credit card to a member of the county board.

23 3-1004.

24 (a) [(1)] The [County Executive shall appoint] **COUNTY BOARD SHALL HOLD**  
25 **AN ANNUAL MEETING ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN DECEMBER TO ELECT** a chair and  
26 vice chair of the county board from among the members of the county board.

27 [(2)] The County Executive shall select the vice chair from among the elected  
28 members of the county board.

29 (3) The term of the chair and vice chair appointed under this subsection  
30 shall be 2 years.]

31 (b) [Subject to the provisions of § 4-403 of this article, the affirmative vote of the  
32 members of the county board for the passage of a motion by the county board shall be:]

1           (1) Except as otherwise provided in [item] PARAGRAPH (2) of this  
2 subsection, **THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD FOR**  
3 **THE PASSAGE OF A MOTION BY THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE:**

4           (i)     [Eight] **SIX** members when the student member is voting; or

5           (ii)    [Seven] **FIVE** members when the student member is not voting.

6           (2) When there are two or more vacancies on the county board, **THE**  
7 **AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD FOR THE PASSAGE OF**  
8 **A MOTION BY THE BOARD SHALL BE:**

9           (i)     [Seven] **FIVE** members when the student member is voting; or

10          (ii)    [Six] **FOUR** members when the student member is not voting.

11 4–101.

12          (a)     [Subject to the provisions of Subtitle 4 of this title, educational]  
13 **EDUCATIONAL** matters that affect the counties shall be under the control of a county board  
14 of education in each county.

15          (b)     Each county board shall seek in every way to promote the interests of the  
16 schools under its jurisdiction.

17 4–102.

18          (a)     (1) Except in Baltimore City, the county superintendent is the executive  
19 officer, secretary, and treasurer of the county board.

20                 (2)     (i) In Baltimore City, the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore  
21 City Board of School Commissioners is the executive officer, secretary, and treasurer of the  
22 Board of School Commissioners.

23                         (ii) The Chief Executive Officer shall have the powers and duties  
24 imposed under this article.

25                                 (iii) The Chief Executive Officer is not a public officer under the  
26 Constitution or the laws of the State.

27                 [(3)     (i) In Prince George’s County, the county superintendent is the  
28 Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George’s County public school system.

29                                 (ii) The Chief Executive Officer is the executive officer, secretary,  
30 and treasurer of the county board.

1 (iii) The Chief Executive Officer shall have the powers and duties  
2 imposed under this article.

3 (iv) The Chief Executive Officer is not a public officer under the  
4 Constitution or the laws of the State.]

5 [(4)] (3) A county superintendent is not a public officer under the  
6 Constitution or the laws of the State.

7 (b) Unless the tenure or salary or the administration of the office of the county  
8 superintendent is under consideration, the county superintendent or the county  
9 superintendent's designee shall attend all meetings of the county board and its committees.

10 (c) The county superintendent may advise on any question under consideration  
11 but may not vote.

12 4-120.

13 (a) [Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, if] IF a county board  
14 considers it practicable, it shall consolidate schools.

15 (b) [Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each] EACH county board  
16 shall arrange for the transportation of students to and from consolidated schools.

17 [(c) In Prince George's County, the Chief Executive Officer shall have the  
18 authority to:

19 (1) Consolidate schools if considered practicable; and

20 (2) Arrange for the transportation of students to and from consolidated  
21 schools.]

22 4-201.

23 (a) (1) This section does not apply to Baltimore City.

24 [(2) Subsections (b), (c), (d), and (f) of this section do not apply in Prince  
25 George's County.]

26 [(3)] (2) Subsections (b)(2) and (3) of this section do not apply in  
27 Washington County.

28 (b) (1) The term of a county superintendent is 4 years beginning on July 1. A  
29 county superintendent continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

1           (2) By February 1 of the year in which a term ends, the county  
2 superintendent shall notify the county board whether the superintendent is a candidate for  
3 reappointment.

4           (3) In the year in which a term begins, the county board shall appoint a  
5 county superintendent between February 1 and June 30. However, if the county board  
6 decides to reappoint the incumbent superintendent, the county board shall take final action  
7 at a public meeting no later than March 1 of that year.

8           (4) If a county board is unable to appoint a county superintendent by July  
9 1 of a year in which a term begins, the provisions of subsection (d) of this section apply.

10          (c) (1) An individual may not be appointed as county superintendent unless  
11 he:

12                   (i) Is eligible to be issued a certificate for the office by the State  
13 Superintendent;

14                   (ii) Has graduated from an accredited college or university; and

15                   (iii) Has completed 2 years of graduate work at an accredited college  
16 or university, including public school administration, supervision, and methods of teaching.

17          (2) The appointment of a county superintendent is not valid unless  
18 approved in writing by the State Superintendent.

19          (3) If the State Superintendent disapproves an appointment, he shall give  
20 his reasons for disapproval in writing to the county board.

21          (d) If a vacancy occurs in the office of county superintendent, the county board  
22 shall appoint an interim county superintendent who serves until July 1 after his  
23 appointment.

24          (e) (1) The State Superintendent may remove a county superintendent for:

25                   (i) Immorality;

26                   (ii) Misconduct in office;

27                   (iii) Insubordination;

28                   (iv) Incompetency; or

29                   (v) Willful neglect of duty.

30          (2) Before removing a county superintendent, the State Superintendent  
31 shall send the county superintendent a copy of the charges against the county

1 superintendent and give the county superintendent an opportunity within 10 days to  
2 request a hearing.

3 (3) If the county superintendent requests a hearing within the 10-day  
4 period:

5 (i) The State Superintendent promptly shall hold a hearing, but a  
6 hearing may not be set within 10 days after the State Superintendent sends the county  
7 superintendent a notice of the hearing; and

8 (ii) The county superintendent shall have an opportunity to be heard  
9 publicly before the State Superintendent in the county superintendent's own defense, in  
10 person or by counsel.

11 (f) On notification of pending criminal charges against a county superintendent  
12 as provided under § 4-206 of this subtitle, the county board may suspend the county  
13 superintendent with pay until the final disposition of the criminal charges.

14 [4-201.1.

15 (a) This section applies only in Prince George's County.

16 (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, the Chief Executive  
17 Officer of the Prince George's County public school system shall be:

18 (1) Selected by the County Executive in accordance with subsection (c) of  
19 this section; and

20 (2) Appointed by the county board after agreement on contract terms  
21 negotiated by the chair of the county board.

22 (c) (1) The County Executive shall select a Chief Executive Officer from a list  
23 of three nominees recommended by a search committee that is comprised of:

24 (i) One member of the State Board, appointed by the State  
25 Superintendent; and

26 (ii) Two residents of Prince George's County, appointed by the  
27 Governor.

28 (2) The search committee shall be chaired by a member selected by the  
29 State Superintendent.

30 (d) (1) The term of the Chief Executive Officer is 4 years beginning on July 1.

31 (2) The Chief Executive Officer continues to serve until a successor is  
32 appointed and qualifies.

1           (3) By February 1 of the year in which a term ends, the Chief Executive  
2 Officer shall notify the County Executive and the county board if the Chief Executive  
3 Officer is a candidate for reappointment.

4           (4) (i) In the year a term begins, the County Executive shall select a  
5 Chief Executive Officer between February 1 and June 1, and the county board shall  
6 complete the appointment on or before June 30.

7           (ii) If the County Executive decides to select the incumbent Chief  
8 Executive Officer, the county board shall complete the reappointment no later than March  
9 1 of that year.

10          (5) If the county board is unable to appoint a Chief Executive Officer by  
11 July 1 of the year a term begins, the provisions of subsection (f) of this section apply.

12          (e) (1) An individual may not be appointed as Chief Executive Officer unless  
13 the individual:

14           (i) Is eligible to be issued a certificate for the office by the State  
15 Superintendent;

16           (ii) Has graduated from an accredited college or university; and

17           (iii) Has completed 2 years of graduate work at an accredited college  
18 or university, including public school administration, supervision, and methods of teaching.

19          (2) The appointment of the Chief Executive Officer is not valid unless  
20 approved in writing by the State Superintendent.

21          (3) If the State Superintendent disapproves an appointment, the State  
22 Superintendent shall give the reasons for disapproval in writing to the county board and  
23 the County Executive.

24          (f) If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chief Executive Officer, the County  
25 Executive shall select and the county board shall appoint an interim Chief Executive Officer  
26 to serve until July 1 after the appointment.

27          (g) On notification of pending criminal charges against the Chief Executive  
28 Officer as provided under § 4-206 of this subtitle, the county board may suspend the Chief  
29 Executive Officer with pay until the final disposition of the criminal charges.]

30 4-202.

31          (a) [(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each] **EACH**  
32 county superintendent is entitled to the compensation set by the county board.



1            [(2) In Prince George's County, the Chief Executive Officer is entitled to the  
2 compensation set by the contract with the county board.]

3            (b) (1) The salary of a county superintendent may not be decreased during the  
4 superintendent's term of office.

5            (2) Each county superintendent shall devote full time to public school  
6 business.

7            (c) In Anne Arundel County, the county board may not pay monetary  
8 compensation to the county superintendent for sick leave benefits earned while employed  
9 by any other board of education or public school system but may allow the county  
10 superintendent to use the sick leave in the same manner as sick leave accrued while  
11 employed by the county.

12 4-204.

13            (a) [(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, acting] **ACTING**  
14 under the rules and regulations of the county board, the county superintendent is  
15 responsible for the administration of the superintendent's office.

16            [(2) In Prince George's County, the Chief Executive Officer is responsible  
17 for the administration of the office of the Chief Executive Officer, including hiring and  
18 setting the salaries of the executive staff.]

19            (b) As the executive officer of the county board, the county superintendent shall  
20 see that the following are carried out:

21            (1) The laws relating to the schools;

22            (2) The applicable enacted and published bylaws of the State Board;

23            (3) The policies of the State Board;

24            (4) The rules and regulations of the county board; and

25            (5) The policies of the county board.

26 4-206.

27            (a) [(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a] **A** county  
28 superintendent shall immediately notify the county board in writing of any criminal  
29 charges that are punishable by a period of incarceration brought against the county  
30 superintendent.



- 1 (iii) Instructional salaries;
- 2 (iv) Textbooks and other classroom instructional supplies;
- 3 (v) Instructional costs;
- 4 (vi) Special education;
- 5 (vii) Student personnel services;
- 6 (viii) Health services;
- 7 (ix) Student transportation;
- 8 (x) Operation of plants and equipment;
- 9 (xi) Plant maintenance;
- 10 (xii) Fixed charges;
- 11 (xiii) Food services; and
- 12 (xiv) Capital planning and expenditures; and

13 (3) The development and implementation of the curriculum taught and the  
14 instruction provided in the Prince George's County public school system.

15 (c) The Chief Executive Officer:

16 (1) Shall hire and set the salaries of a chief operating officer, a chief  
17 financial officer, a chief academic officer, a chief of staff, a board liaison, and any other  
18 necessary executive staff in the office of the Chief Executive Officer; and

19 (2) May delegate the responsibilities established under subsection (b) of  
20 this section to appropriately qualified individuals as determined and deemed necessary by  
21 the Chief Executive Officer.

22 (d) (1) The Chief Executive Officer shall enter into a memorandum of  
23 understanding that relates to the provision of policy analysis and advice to the county board  
24 with the following institutions of higher education:

- 25 (i) The University of Maryland, College Park Campus;
- 26 (ii) The University of Maryland University College;
- 27 (iii) Bowie State University; and

1 (iv) Prince George's Community College.

2 (2) The Chief Executive Officer may include additional institutions of  
3 higher education in the memorandum of understanding required under paragraph (1) of  
4 this subsection.]

5 [4-403.

6 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the county board may not  
7 implement a policy or take any action that contradicts the day-to-day management and  
8 oversight of the fiscal affairs of the Prince George's County public school system by the  
9 Chief Executive Officer under this subtitle.

10 (b) Except for personnel matters and appeals of personnel matters in accordance  
11 with §§ 4-205(c)(2) and (3) of this title and 6-202 of this article, the county board shall  
12 require a two-thirds vote of all voting members of the county board to take an action that  
13 is contrary to an action of the Chief Executive Officer.]

14 6-201.

15 (a) [(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the] **THE** county board shall  
16 employ individuals in the positions that the county board considers necessary for the  
17 operation of the public schools in the county.

18 [(2) In Prince George's County, the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince  
19 George's County public school system shall hire and set the salaries of a chief operating  
20 officer, a chief financial officer, a chief academic officer, a chief of staff, a board liaison, and  
21 any other necessary executive staff in the office of the Chief Executive Officer.]

22 (b) (1) [Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, the] **THE** county  
23 superintendent shall nominate for appointment by the county board:

24 (i) All professional assistants of the office of county superintendent;  
25 and

26 (ii) All principals, teachers, and other certificated personnel.

27 (2) As to these personnel, the county superintendent shall:

28 (i) Assign them to their positions in the schools;

29 (ii) Transfer them as the needs of the schools require;

30 (iii) Recommend them for promotion; and

1 (iv) Suspend them for cause and recommend them for dismissal in  
2 accordance with § 6–202 of this subtitle.

3 **Chapter 147 of the Acts of 2013**

4 **[SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:**

5 (a) The County Executive of Prince George’s County and the Prince George’s  
6 County Council shall appoint the new members and the chair and vice chair of the Prince  
7 George’s County Board of Education in accordance with §§ 3–1002 and 3–1004 of the  
8 Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, as soon as practicable and no later  
9 than June 1, 2013.

10 (b) To fill the current vacancy in the office of the Prince George’s County  
11 Superintendent of Schools:

12 (1) a search committee shall be appointed in accordance with §  
13 4–201.1(c) of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, as soon as  
14 practicable and no later than June 1, 2013;

15 (2) in developing a list of three nominees recommended for the new Chief  
16 Executive Officer of the Prince George’s County public school system, the search committee  
17 shall review any data regarding potential candidates that has been collected and provided  
18 by a search firm since September 2012;

19 (3) the chair of the Prince George’s County Board of Education, appointed  
20 by the County Executive under § 3–1004 of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1  
21 of this Act, shall negotiate the terms of the contract of the new Chief Executive Officer,  
22 including a requirement that the Chief Executive Officer attend the meetings of the County  
23 Executive’s Cabinet; and

24 (4) notwithstanding the dates set out in § 4–201.1(d) and (f) of the  
25 Education Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, the County Executive may select and  
26 the Prince George’s County Board of Education may appoint the new Chief Executive  
27 Officer after July 1, 2013, to a 4–year term ending June 30, 2017.]

28 **[SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Chief Executive Officer**  
29 **of the Prince George’s County public school system and the Prince George’s County Board**  
30 **of Education shall hire a consultant to conduct a school utilization study and, on or before**  
31 **December 1, 2014, make recommendations regarding the geographical attendance areas**  
32 **for, or consolidation of, schools to the Chief Executive Officer, the county board, the County**  
33 **Executive of Prince George’s County, and the Prince George’s County Council.]**

34 **[SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:**

35 (a) On or before December 31, 2013, the County Executive of Prince George’s  
36 County, the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George’s County public school system,

1 and the Prince George's County Board of Education shall submit an interim report on the  
2 implementation of this Act, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article,  
3 to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House  
4 Committee on Ways and Means, the Prince George's County Senators, and the Prince  
5 George's County Delegation.

6 (b) On or before December 31, 2017, the County Executive, the Chief Executive  
7 Officer, and the Prince George's County Board of Education shall submit a final report on  
8 academic progress and improvement in the management of the Prince George's County  
9 public school system, and recommendations concerning the continuation, modification, or  
10 termination of the governance system established by this Act for the public school system,  
11 in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education,  
12 Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Committee on Ways and Means,  
13 the Prince George's County Senators, and the Prince George's County Delegation.

14 (c) During the 2018 regular legislative session, the General Assembly shall  
15 deliberate and determine whether the provisions of this Act shall be terminated and of no  
16 further force and effect. If the General Assembly does not take any action to terminate this  
17 Act, the provisions of this Act shall continue to be in full force and effect.】

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the appointed  
19 members of the Prince George's County Board of Education who are in office on May 31,  
20 2017, shall terminate on May 31, 2017.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
22 1, 2017.