

HOUSE BILL 76

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By: **Delegate Grammer**

Introduced and read first time: January 11, 2018

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County Board of Education – Education Transparency Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring actions of the Baltimore County Board of Education to be
4 taken at a public meeting, subject to a certain exception; requiring that a record of a
5 certain meeting and certain actions be made public; requiring any action of the
6 county board to be recorded by a verbal roll call vote of certain members of the county
7 board; requiring the county board to keep a formal record of certain public meetings;
8 requiring any action of the county board to be made publicly available on a certain
9 website within a certain time; requiring certain actions on the county board's website
10 to include a certain description and a certain link to a video recording, under certain
11 circumstances; authorizing the county board to take certain actions in a closed
12 session in accordance with a certain provision of law; and generally relating to
13 meetings of the Baltimore County Board of Education.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Education
16 Section 3–2B–09
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 3–2B–09.

23 **(A)** At the first meeting of the county board in December of each year, the county
24 board shall elect a chair and vice chair from among the members.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) (1) EXCEPT FOR THE ACTIONS AUTHORIZED BY SUBSECTION (C) OF**
2 **THIS SECTION, ALL ACTIONS OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE TAKEN AT A PUBLIC**
3 **MEETING AND A RECORD OF THE MEETING AND ALL ACTIONS SHALL BE MADE**
4 **PUBLIC.**

5 **(2) (I) ANY ACTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE RECORDED**
6 **BY A VERBAL ROLL CALL VOTE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE COUNTY**
7 **BOARD WHO IS PRESENT AT THE PUBLIC MEETING.**

8 **(II) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL KEEP A FORMAL RECORD OF**
9 **EACH PUBLIC MEETING.**

10 **(3) (I) ANY ACTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE MADE**
11 **PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTY BOARD'S WEBSITE WITHIN 12 HOURS OF THE**
12 **TIME THE ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

13 **(II) ON THE COUNTY BOARD'S WEBSITE, EACH ACTION SHALL**
14 **INCLUDE:**

15 **1. A FULL AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION**
16 **TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE MOTION OR QUESTION; AND**

17 **2. A LINK OR REFERENCE TO THE RELATED VIDEO**
18 **RECORDING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEETING, IF AVAILABLE.**

19 **(C) THE COUNTY BOARD MAY TAKE ACTIONS IN A CLOSED SESSION IN**
20 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-305 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
22 1, 2018.