

Chapter 368

(House Bill 76)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County Board of Education – Education Transparency Act

FOR the purpose of requiring actions of the Baltimore County Board of Education to be taken at a public meeting, subject to a certain exception; requiring that a record of a certain meeting and certain actions be made public; requiring any action of the county board to be recorded by a ~~verbal~~ voice vote or a roll call vote of certain members of the county board; requiring the county board to keep a formal record of certain public meetings and make the record available for review by members of the public on request; requiring any final action of the county board to be made publicly available on a certain website within a certain time; requiring certain actions on the county board’s website to include a certain description and a certain link to a video recording, under certain circumstances; authorizing the county board to take certain actions in a closed session in accordance with a certain provision of law; and generally relating to meetings of the Baltimore County Board of Education.

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

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

Article – Education

3–2B–09.

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

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

(2) (1) **ANY ACTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE RECORDED BY A ~~VERBAL~~ VOICE VOTE OR A ROLL CALL VOTE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD WHO IS PRESENT AT THE PUBLIC MEETING.**

(II) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL ~~KEEP~~:

- AND**
- 1. KEEP A FORMAL RECORD OF EACH PUBLIC MEETING;**
 - 2. MAKE THE RECORD AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON REQUEST.**

(3) (I) ANY FINAL ACTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTY BOARD’S WEBSITE WITHIN ~~12~~ 72 HOURS OF THE TIME THE ACTION WAS TAKEN.

(II) ON THE COUNTY BOARD’S WEBSITE, EACH ACTION SHALL INCLUDE:

- 1. A FULL AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE MOTION OR QUESTION; AND**
- 2. A LINK OR REFERENCE TO THE RELATED VIDEO RECORDING OF THE COUNTY BOARD MEETING, IF AVAILABLE.**

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2018.