

Chapter 811

(House Bill 340)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Board of Education – Salaries

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FOR the purpose of altering the compensation received by the chair and other elected members of the Howard County Board of Education; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary of the chair and other elected members of the county board during a certain term of office; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Howard County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–701(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–702 and 3–703
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

3–701.

- (a) (1) The Howard County Board consists of:
 - (i) Seven elected members; and
 - (ii) One student member.

(2) The seven elected members shall be elected as follows:

- (i) Five members, each of whom resides in a different one of the five councilmanic districts in the county; and
- (ii) Two members who may reside anywhere in the county.

3-702.

At its first meeting in December, the county board shall elect a [chairman] **CHAIR** from among its members.

3-703.

(a) The [chairman] **CHAIR** of the county board is entitled to receive ~~[\$17,000]~~ **\$18,000** annually as compensation and the other elected members are entitled to receive ~~[\$15,000]~~ **\$16,000** each annually as compensation.

(b) After submitting vouchers under the rules and regulations adopted by the county board, the [chairman] **CHAIR** and the other elected members are entitled to receive reimbursement for travel and other expenses as provided in the Howard County budget.

(c) The employer's share for State retirement and pension contributions made on behalf of the [chairman] **CHAIR** and other elected board members may not be considered compensation for the purpose of calculating compensation under subsection (a) of this section.

(d) (1) The [chairman] **CHAIR** and other elected board members may participate in health insurance and other benefit programs sponsored by the board.

(2) An elected board member's participation in a benefit program sponsored by the board under this subsection may not be considered compensation for the purpose of calculating compensation under subsection (a) of this section.

(e) (1) (i) A student member who completes a full term on the board shall be entitled to a scholarship of \$5,000 to be applied to the student's higher education costs.

(ii) The scholarship shall be paid directly to the educational institution that the student attends.

(iii) A student may receive only one scholarship regardless of the number of terms the student serves as the student member of the county board.

(iv) The scholarship may not be considered compensation for the purpose of calculating taxable income.

(2) On the submission of expense vouchers, the student member is entitled to reimbursement for travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of official duties for the county board.

(3) The student member is not entitled to any compensation or payment

other than that specified under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection for their work as the student member of the county board.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the chair and members of the Howard County Board of Education while serving in a term of office beginning before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the chair and members of the Howard County Board of Education shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office. This limitation does not apply to an individual appointed or elected after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 26, 2018.