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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University System of Maryland – Board of Regents – Transparency and**
3 **Oversight**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Board of Regents of the University
5 System of Maryland; requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
6 House of Delegates to appoint certain members to the Board; requiring the Senate
7 to consider appointees to the Board collectively during a certain period of time to
8 ensure a certain balance of membership; requiring the Governor to notify the Senate
9 of certain appointments; specifying when the Board shall elect a chairperson;
10 requiring the chairperson to serve in the position subject to the advice and consent
11 of the Senate; altering the term of the student members of the Board; requiring the
12 Board to make certain meetings available to the public by live and archived video
13 streaming and to make certain documents available to the public; requiring the
14 Board to conduct certain activities in open session; altering the voting rights of the
15 student members of the Board; making conforming changes; and generally relating
16 to the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – Education

19 Section 12–102 and 12–103

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

24

Article – Education

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 12-102.

2 (a) (1) There is a body corporate and politic known as the University System
3 of Maryland.

4 (2) The University is an instrumentality of the State and a public
5 corporation.

6 (3) The University is an independent unit of State government.

7 (4) The exercise by the University of the powers conferred by this subtitle
8 is the performance of an essential public function.

9 (b) The government of the University System of Maryland is vested in the Board
10 of Regents of the University System of Maryland.

11 (c) The Board of Regents consists of [17] **21** members as follows:

12 (1) (i) Except as provided in item (ii) of this item, [one member] **TWO**
13 **MEMBERS** shall be [a] full-time [student] **STUDENTS** in good academic standing at an
14 institution under the jurisdiction of the Board; and

15 (ii) A student member who is in good academic standing at the
16 University of Maryland University College shall be exempt from the full-time student
17 requirement in item (i) of this item;

18 (2) One member shall be the [State] Secretary of Agriculture ex officio;
19 [and]

20 (3) **ONE MEMBER SHALL BE THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE EX**
21 **OFFICIO;**

22 (4) **ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE**
23 **SENATE;**

24 (5) **ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE**
25 **HOUSE; AND**

26 [(3)] (6) The remaining members of the Board shall be residents of the
27 State [and], shall be appointed from the general public, **AND SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST:**

28 (I) **ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH A BACKGROUND IN HIGHER**
29 **EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION;**

30 (II) **ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH A BACKGROUND IN FINANCE; AND**

(III) ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH A BACKGROUND IN DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.

3 (d) In making appointments to the Board, the Governor, **THE PRESIDENT OF**
4 **THE SENATE, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE** shall consider representation from all
5 parts of the State.

6 (e) (1) [Except for the Secretary of Agriculture, each] EACH member of the
7 Board APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1) AND (6) OF THIS SECTION shall be
8 appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

13 (f) (1) Except for the student [member] **MEMBERS**, each appointed member
14 serves for a term of 5 years from July 1 of the year of appointment and until a successor is
15 appointed and qualifies. These members may be reappointed.

(3) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves only for the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

21 (g) (1) (I) Except for the Secretary of Agriculture AND THE SECRETARY
22 OF COMMERCE, and subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a member may not serve
23 more than 2 consecutive full terms.

30 (h) Each member of the Board:

31 (1) Serves without compensation; and

32 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the

1 Standard State Travel Regulations.

2 12–103.

3 (a) (1) [Each] IN DECEMBER EACH year, the Board of Regents shall elect
4 from among the members of the Board of Regents:

5 [(1)] (I) A chairperson; and

6 [(2)] (II) Any other officer it requires.

7 (2) THE MEMBER ELECTED AS CHAIRPERSON SHALL SERVE IN THAT
8 POSITION SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

9 (b) (1) (I) [The] SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPHS (II) AND (III) OF THIS
10 PARAGRAPH, THE Board shall determine the time and place of its meetings and may adopt
11 rules for the conduct of its meetings.

12 (II) THE BOARD SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC LIVE
13 AND ARCHIVED VIDEO STREAMING OF EACH OPEN MEETING AND SHALL ALLOW TIME
14 AT EACH OPEN MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

15 (III) THE BOARD SHALL:

16 1. INCLUDE ALL MOTIONS AND VOTE TALLIES FROM
17 OPEN AND CLOSED SESSIONS IN PUBLICLY AVAILABLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES;
18 AND

19 2. CONDUCT ANY VOTES RELATED TO THE EMPLOYMENT
20 OR TERMINATION OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS OR THE CHANCELLOR IN AN OPEN
21 SESSION.

22 (2) The Governor, the State Treasurer, and the State Comptroller shall be
23 notified of all meetings of the Board and may sit with the Board at any meeting.

24 (3) The Secretary of Budget and Management, the Chairmen of the Senate
25 Finance and Budget and Taxation Committees, and the Chairmen of the House Ways and
26 Means and Appropriations Committees shall be invited to sit with the Board at any
27 meetings of the Board at which requests for appropriations are prepared.

28 (4) A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the
29 transaction of business.

30 (5) No formal action may be taken by the Board without the approval of a
31 majority of the voting members of the Board.

1 **(6) (I) OF THE TWO STUDENT MEMBERS, ONLY ONE MEMBER**
2 **SHALL BE A VOTING MEMBER OF THE BOARD EACH YEAR.**

3 **(II) A STUDENT MEMBER SHALL BE A VOTING MEMBER OF THE**
4 **BOARD FOR ONLY 1 YEAR OF A 2-YEAR TERM.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2019.