

HOUSE BILL 760

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By: **Delegate Smith**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2020

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland School for the Blind – Board of Directors – Reappointments**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting, with a certain exception, a member of the Board of
4 Directors of the Maryland School for the Blind who serves a certain number of
5 consecutive terms from being reappointed for a certain period of time; authorizing
6 the immediate reappointment of the Chairman of the Board; and generally relating
7 to the Board of Directors of the Maryland School for the Blind.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 8–310

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 8–310.

17 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

18 (2) “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Maryland School for the
19 Blind.

20 (3) “Superintendent” means the State Superintendent of Schools.

21 (b) The Maryland School for the Blind, a body corporate of the State the charter
22 of which was established on May 19, 1853, shall be governed by the Board.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) (1) The Board consists of 25 members.

2 (2) Of the 25 members of the Board:

3 (i) Subject to confirmation by the Senate of Maryland, five
4 members, including one member of the Senate of Maryland and one member of the
5 Maryland House of Delegates, shall be appointed jointly by the Governor and the
6 Superintendent, with recommendations from the Chairman of the Board; and

7 (ii) 20 members shall be elected according to the charter and bylaws
8 of the Maryland School for the Blind.

9 (3) (i) The term of a member is 3 years.

10 (ii) [No member of the Board appointed after June 1, 1999, except
11 the Chairman, may be reappointed for more than 2 additional terms.

12 (iii)] A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only
13 for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed.

14 [(iv)] (III) Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner in which
15 the vacating member was appointed.

16 (IV) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS
17 PARAGRAPH, A MEMBER WHO SERVES THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS MAY NOT BE
18 REAPPOINTED FOR 1 YEAR AFTER COMPLETION OF THOSE TERMS.

19 2. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD MAY BE
20 REAPPOINTED TO SERVE ADDITIONAL TERMS IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMPLETION OF
21 THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2020.