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By: **Delegate Smith**

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CHAPTER _____

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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (3) "Superintendent" means the State Superintendent of Schools.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 2. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD MAY BE
23 REAPPOINTED TO SERVE ADDITIONAL TERMS IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMPLETION OF
24 THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
26 1, 2020.