

**SB0785/775260/1**

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 785  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after “day;” insert “requiring that the State Board hold a certain number of meetings each year; providing for the determination of State Board meeting agendas; repealing a provision of law making the State Superintendent the secretary of the State Board; requiring the State Board to select a secretary from among its members at a certain meeting; establishing an Executive Director position within the State Board; providing that the State Board has sole authority to set certain terms of employment for the Executive Director;”; in line 19, after “Board;” insert “making a conforming change; making stylistic changes; making a certain provision of this Act apply prospectively when a certain condition is met;”; and in line 24, after “2-202” insert “, 2-204, and 2-205(f)”.

On page 2, after line 2, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 2-204.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 20, strike “Except” and substitute “**(I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH AND EXCEPT**”.

On pages 2 and 3, strike beginning with “appointed” in line 21 on page 2 down through “EDUCATION” in line 17 on page 3 and substitute “**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE IN:**”

(Over)

1. TEACHING IN OR ADMINISTERING A PUBLIC SCHOOL, A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM, OR AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

2. THE SUCCESSFUL ADMINISTRATION OF A LARGE BUSINESS, NONPROFIT, OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY;

3. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES;

4. INSTRUCTION IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER COURSES OR MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION;

5. EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION;

6. CHILD PSYCHOLOGY OR CHILD PSYCHIATRY;

7. EDUCATION POLICY OR LEADING SUCCESSFUL EDUCATIONAL REFORM EFFORTS; AND

8. CIVIL RIGHTS LAW, CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCACY, OR THE USE OF ANTIRACISM AND EQUITY PRINCIPLES, PRACTICES, AND FRAMEWORKS IN AN EDUCATIONAL SETTING.

(II) NO MORE THAN TWO BOARD MEMBERS MAY BE QUALIFIED THROUGH A HIGH LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE IN ANY ONE OF THE FIELDS LISTED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH”.

On page 5, after line 13, insert:

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“2-204.

(a) (1) Each year, the State Board shall hold:

(i) A meeting in July; and

(ii) At least [three] 11 other regular meetings.

(2) The Board may hold special meetings as necessary.

**(3) (I) THE STATE BOARD PRESIDENT SHALL DETERMINE THE AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED AT EACH OF THE STATE BOARD MEETINGS.**

**(II) THE STATE BOARD PRESIDENT MAY CONSULT WITH THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT WHEN DETERMINING THE AGENDA.**

(b) (1) At the annual Board meeting in July, the State Board shall select a president, [and] a vice president, AND A SECRETARY from among its members.

(2) A member may not serve for more than 4 years as president.

(c) (1) The State Superintendent is the Chief Executive[, Secretary,] and Treasurer of the State Board.

(2) [He] THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT shall attend each meeting of the Board and of its committees, except when [his own] THE tenure, salary, or the administration of [his] THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S office are under consideration.

(3) [He] THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT may advise the Board on any question under consideration, but may not vote.

(d) A member of the State Board serves without compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations.

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(e) The affirmative vote of a majority of the members then serving on the State Board is required for any action by the Board.

**2-204.1.**

**(A) THERE IS AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION WITHIN THE STATE BOARD.**

**(B) NOTWITHSTANDING § 2-104 OF THIS TITLE, THE STATE BOARD HAS SOLE AUTHORITY TO SET THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INCLUDING HIRING, FIRING, AND ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES, AND COMPENSATION.**

**2-205.**

**(f) [As Secretary to the State Board, the State Superintendent] THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE BOARD may administer oaths to witnesses WHO OFFER TESTIMONY in any matter before the STATE Board.**

On page 6, after line 11, insert:

**“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the requirements of § 2-204.1 of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, are prospective and shall take effect beginning with the next vacancy in the State Board of Education Executive Director position after the effective date of this Act.”;**

and in line 12, strike “4.” and substitute “5.”.