

# SENATE BILL 823

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By: **Senators Gallion and Hershey**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County – Board of Education – Member Terms and Compensation**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of terms a voting member of the Cecil County  
4 Board of Education may serve; requiring the County Council of Cecil County to set  
5 the amount of compensation for members of the county board; altering the minimum  
6 amount of compensation the president and other voting members of the county board  
7 are entitled to receive; providing that this Act does not apply to the compensation of  
8 the president or other voting members of the county board during a certain term of  
9 office; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the terms and  
10 compensation of the members of the Cecil County Board of Education.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 3–4A–01 and 3–4A–04  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 3–4A–01.

20 (a) The Cecil County Board consists of six members as follows:

21 (1) One voting member elected from each of the five commissioner districts;

22 and

23 (2) One nonvoting student member.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The five voting members of the county board shall be elected at a general  
2 election as required by subsection (c) of this section.

3 (c) (1) A member from a county commissioner district shall be a resident of the  
4 district.

5 (2) A member from a county commissioner district who no longer resides in  
6 the district may not continue as a member of the county board.

7 (3) A candidate elected to the county board shall be a registered voter and  
8 resident of Cecil County for at least 3 years.

9 (d) (1) Except as provided under subsection (e) of this section, each voting  
10 member serves for a term of 4 years beginning on the first Monday in December after the  
11 member's election and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

12 (2) A voting member may not serve for more than [two] **THREE** terms.

13 (3) The Governor shall appoint a new member to fill any vacancy on the  
14 county board for the remainder of that term and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

15 (e) The terms of the voting members are staggered as follows:

16 (1) Members of the county board from commissioner districts 3, 4, and 5  
17 shall be elected at the 2006 general election and every 4 years thereafter; and

18 (2) Members of the county board from commissioner districts 1 and 2 shall  
19 be elected at the 2008 general election and every 4 years thereafter.

20 (f) (1) The student member shall:

21 (i) Be an eleventh or twelfth grade student in the Cecil County  
22 public school system elected by the high school students of the county in accordance with  
23 procedures established by the school system;

24 (ii) Serve for 1 year beginning on July 1 after the election of the  
25 member;

26 (iii) Be a nonvoting member; and

27 (iv) Advise the county board on the thoughts and feelings of students.

28 (2) Unless invited to attend by an affirmative vote of a majority of the  
29 county board, the student member may not attend an executive session.

1           **(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE MEMBERS OF THE**  
2 **COUNTY BOARD SHALL RECEIVE COMPENSATION SET BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

3           **[(a)] (B) (1)** The president of the county board is entitled to receive **[\$4,000]**  
4 **A MINIMUM OF \$5,500** annually **[as compensation and the].**

5                           **(2) THE** other voting members **OF THE COUNTY BOARD** are  
6 entitled to receive **[\$3,500] A MINIMUM OF \$5,000** each annually **[as compensation].**

7           **[(b)] (C)** The president of the county board and other members are entitled to  
8 reimbursement not to exceed \$1,000 a year for travel and other expenses.

9           **[(c)** The Cecil County Commissioners may increase the annual salary of the county  
10 board.]

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

19           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2021.