

SENATE BILL 945

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CF HB 1357

By: **Senator Bailey**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County Board of Education – Public Meetings – Public Comment**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Calvert County Board of Education to provide an
4 opportunity for the public to comment on certain matters at each public meeting;
5 requiring a member of the public who wishes to provide comments to be given a
6 certain amount of time to provide the comments, under certain circumstances;
7 authorizing a member of the public to submit written comments; requiring the
8 county board to include certain written comments in the minutes for a certain
9 meeting; and generally relating to public meetings of the Calvert County Board of
10 Education.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Education
13 Section 3–304
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 3–304.

20 (a) The county board shall meet at least once each month.

21 (b) **(1)** Except for those actions authorized by subsection (c) of this section, all
22 actions of the county board shall be taken at a public meeting and a record of the meeting
23 and all actions shall be made public.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE**
 2 **COUNTY BOARD SHALL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT**
 3 **ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS AT EACH PUBLIC MEETING:**

4 **1. EDUCATION;**

5 **2. TESTING;**

6 **3. ATTENDANCE;**

7 **4. SCHOOL ATHLETICS;**

8 **5. SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION;**

9 **6. SCHOOL BOUNDARIES; AND**

10 **7. ANY OTHER MATTER RELEVANT TO THE POLICIES,**
 11 **PROCEDURES, AND ACTIONS OF THE COUNTY BOARD, THE COUNTY**
 12 **SUPERINTENDENT, OR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALVERT COUNTY PUBLIC**
 13 **SCHOOL SYSTEM.**

14 **(II) A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO PROVIDE**
 15 **COMMENTS:**

16 **1. SHALL, ON RECOGNITION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE**
 17 **COUNTY BOARD, BE GIVEN AT LEAST 3 UNINTERRUPTED MINUTES TO PROVIDE**
 18 **COMMENTS; AND**

19 **2. MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS IN WRITING.**

20 **(III) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL INCLUDE WRITTEN COMMENTS**
 21 **RECEIVED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IN THE MINUTES FOR**
 22 **THE MEETING FOR WHICH THE COMMENTS WERE SUBMITTED.**

23 (c) The county board may take actions in closed session in accordance with §
 24 3–305 of the General Provisions Article.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 26 1, 2021.