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CHAPTER ______

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners – Student Members and Task Force to Study Compensation and Student Members

FOR the purpose of altering the number of, the voting rights of, and the process for selecting a student member of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; establishing the Task Force to Study Compensation for and Student Members of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; and generally relating to the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education  
Section 3–108.1(c) and (n)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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Article – Education  
Section 3–108.1(d) and (m)  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.  
Strikeout indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.
3–108.1.

(c) There is a Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners of the Baltimore City Public School System.

(d) (1) The board consists of:

   (i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, nine voting members appointed by the Mayor from a list of qualified individuals submitted to the Mayor by the panel;

   (ii) Two elected voting members; and

   (iii) Two voting student members appointed as provided in subsection (m) of this section.

(2) If the Mayor elects not to appoint a member from a list submitted by the panel under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection, the Mayor shall reconvene the panel to submit additional names of qualified candidates.

(m) (1) (i) The student members shall be regularly enrolled students in their junior or senior year of high school in the Baltimore City Public School System who shall be elected by the Associated Student Congress of Baltimore City.

   (ii) 1. The nomination and election process for the student members shall:

   A. Be as agreed upon by the board and the Associated Student Congress of Baltimore City; and

   B. Include a process to replace one of the final candidates if they are unable to proceed in the election.

   2. Any student enrolled in a middle or high school in the Baltimore City Public School System may:

   A. Nominate a student member candidate;

   B. Vote for delegates from the student's school, who in turn vote in a nominating convention to reduce to four
THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FOR STUDENT MEMBERS IF THERE ARE FIVE OR MORE CANDIDATES; AND

C. Vote directly for two of the remaining student member candidates.

3. The candidates receiving the third and fourth highest number of votes in the direct election shall become the alternate student members and shall serve if a student member is unable to complete their elected term.

(2) The term of a student member is 1 year.

(3) A student member may not serve more than two consecutive full terms.

(4) The student members may vote on all matters before the board [except] including those relating to:

(i) Personnel;

(ii) (I) Capital and operating budgets;

(iii) (II) School closings, re-openings, and boundaries; AND

(iv) Collective bargaining decisions;

(v) (III) Student disciplinary matters; and

(vi) Appeals to the board as provided under §§ 4–205 and 6–202 of this article.

(5) The student members may not vote on matters before the board relating to personnel and collective bargaining decisions.

(6) The student members may not attend or participate in an executive or special session of the board.

Any action by the board shall require:

(1) A quorum of a majority of the voting members then serving; and

(2) The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members then serving.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:
(a) There is a Task Force to Study Compensation for and Student Members of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Baltimore City Senate Delegation, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the Baltimore City House Delegation, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) three members, appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City, of which:

   (i) not more than two may be members of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; and

   (ii) one member shall be a resident of Baltimore City who is not employed by the City, State, or federal government; and

(4) two members, appointed by the Chair of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; and

(5) two members, appointed by the President of the City Council of Baltimore City, of which one member shall be a resident of Baltimore City who is not employed by the City, State, or federal government.

(c) The Mayor of Baltimore City shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Office of the Mayor of Baltimore City shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

   (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

   (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall:

   (1) study the compensation of members of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, including the student members; and

   (2) study the possibility and effect of adding a second student member to the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; and
(2) (3) make recommendations regarding the amount of and revenue stream for any proposed compensation to begin with the Baltimore City budget for fiscal year 2024.

(g) On or before April 1, 2023, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.