A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board – Composition – Alteration

FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board by adding a member of the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities; and generally relating to the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 6–703
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

6–703.

(a) (1) The Board consists of [25] THE FOLLOWING members[.]

(2) Of the 25 Board members[):

(i) [8 shall be] EIGHT public school classroom teachers, as follows:

1. [6 shall be] SIX chosen from a list of nominees provided by the statewide teachers’ organization representing a majority of teachers in the State for collective bargaining purposes; and
2. [2 shall be] **TWO** chosen from a list of nominees provided by a statewide teachers’ organization representing teachers in at least one jurisdiction within the State for collective bargaining purposes other than the majority organization provided for in item 1 of this subparagraph;

   (ii) [1 shall be a] **ONE** certified nonpublic school classroom teacher, chosen from a list of nominees provided by the Association of Independent Schools;

   (iii) [6 shall be] **SIX** teacher education faculty members from colleges of the State, chosen from a list of nominees provided by:

      1. The Maryland Association of Teacher Educators; and
      2. The Maryland Association of Colleges of Teacher Education;

   (iv) [4 shall be] **FOUR** administrative or supervisory staff members of public schools, as follows:

      1. [2 shall be] **TWO** chosen from a list of nominees provided by the Public School Superintendents’ Association of Maryland;
      2. [1 shall be] **ONE** chosen from a list of nominees provided by the Maryland Association of Secondary Principals; and
      3. [1 shall be] **ONE** chosen from a list of nominees provided by the Maryland Association of Elementary School Administrators;

   (v) [2 shall be] **ONE** administrative or supervisory staff of the approved nonpublic schools of the State, chosen from a list of nominees provided by the Association of Independent Schools;

   (vi) [1 shall be a] **ONE** member of a local board of education, chosen from a list of nominees provided by the Maryland Association of Boards of Education;

   (vii) **ONE** MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES, CHosen FROM A LIST OF NOMINEES PROVIDED BY THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES;

   [(vii)] (VIII) [2 shall be] **TWO** representatives of the general public, as follows:

      1. [1 shall be] **ONE** chosen from a list of nominees provided by the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland; and
2. ONE shall be chosen from a list of nominees provided by the President of the Senate of Maryland; and

[(viii)] (IX) the State Superintendent or a designee of the State Superintendent.

[(3)] (2) The Board shall include all the members of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Advisory Board serving on July 1, 1991.

(b) (1) The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland, shall appoint the members of the Board described in subsection [(a)(2)(i)] (A)(1)(1) through [(vii)] (VIII) of this section.

(2) In making the appointments required under this subsection, the Governor shall ensure that the Board is representative of:

(i) The geographic regions of the State; and

(ii) Minority populations of the State as defined in § 9–301 of the State Government Article.

(c) (1) The term of an appointed member is 3 years.

(2) The terms of the appointed members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Board on October 1, 1991.

(3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed.

(4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the remainder of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(d) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

(e) From among its members, the Board annually shall elect a chairman.

(f) A majority of the members of the Board then serving on the Board is a quorum.

(g) The staff for the Board shall be provided by the State Board.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.