

SENATE BILL 414

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SB 150/21 – EHE

By: Senator Sydnor

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Board of Education – Membership and Election of Officers**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of members serving on the Baltimore County
4 Board of Education; requiring the Baltimore County Executive to appoint a member
5 of the county board from a certain list of nominees within a certain period of time;
6 altering the processes of the Baltimore County School Board Nominating
7 Commission to require the Commission to forward a list of nominees to an appointing
8 official; altering the quorum requirements for election of the chair and vice chair of
9 the county board; and generally relating to the membership and election of officers
10 for the Baltimore County Board of Education.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article – Education

13 Section 3–2B–01, 3–2B–03, 3–2B–04, and 3–2B–09(a)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 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 3–2B–01.

20 (a) The Baltimore County Board of Education consists of:

21 (1) Seven nonpartisan elected members;

22 (2) **[Four] FIVE** appointed members; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(3) One student member.

(b) (1) Of the [11] **12** elected and appointed members of the county board:

3 (i) One member shall be elected from each of the seven councilmanic
4 districts in the county, established by the County Council of Baltimore County, by the
5 voters of that district; [and]

6 (ii) Four members shall be appointed by the Governor from the
7 county at large; AND

12 (ii) The [four] FIVE appointed members shall be appointed [by the
13 Governor] from a list of nominees submitted by the Baltimore County School Board
14 Nominating Commission as provided in § 3-2B-03 of this subtitle:

22 (ii) A member from a district who does not maintain residency in
23 that district may not continue as a member of the county board and the office shall be
24 deemed vacant.

25 (iii) If the boundary line of a district is changed, the term of an
26 incumbent member of the county board who no longer resides in the district because of the
27 change is not affected during this term.

(5) During an election year:

2 (i) [The Governor may not appoint as a member of the county board
3 an] AN individual who files a certificate of candidacy for election to the county board **MAY**
4 **NOT BE APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD; and**

8 3-2B-03.

(a) (1) There is a Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission.

16 (b) (1) The Commission consists of 19 members who shall be appointed in
17 accordance with this subsection.

23 (4) The County Executive of Baltimore County shall appoint one member
24 from the county at large.

25 (5) The following organizations each shall appoint one member:

(i) The Teachers Association of Baltimore County;

(ii) The Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce;

(iii) The PTA Council of Baltimore County, Inc.;

(iv) Towson University;

(v) The League of Women Voters of Baltimore County;

1 (vi) The Baltimore County Branch of the National Association for the
2 Advancement of Colored People;

(vii) The Baltimore County Public Schools' Special Education
Citizens' Advisory Committee;

5 (viii) The Baltimore County Student Councils;

6 (ix) The Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees; and

7 (x) The Education Support Personnel of Baltimore County.

10 (2) The term of the chair of the Commission is 4 years.

11 (3) The term of a member of the Commission is 4 years.

12 (d) The Baltimore County Public Schools shall provide staff for the Commission.

13 (e) [Beginning October 1, 2018, for] **FOR** each nomination for a vacancy on the
14 county board, the Commission shall submit to the [Governor] **APPOINTING OFFICIAL** a
15 list of nominees that contains:

16 (1) At least two names for each vacancy; or

17 (2) If there are fewer than two applicants for a vacancy, the number of
18 names that is equal to the number of applicants for the vacancy.

19 (f) (1) Absent an extraordinary circumstance, the [Governor] APPOINTING
20 OFFICIAL shall appoint a member to the county board from the list provided by the
21 Commission.

26 3-2B-04.

27 (a) Except for the student member, a member serves for a term of 4 years
28 beginning on the first Monday in December after the member's election or appointment and
29 until a successor is elected or appointed and qualifies.

30 (b) (1) An individual who takes office to fill a vacancy for an elected or

1 appointed member serves for the remainder of the term for which the appointment was
2 made and until a successor is elected or appointed and qualifies.

3 (2) The **[Governor] APPOINTING OFFICIAL** shall act within 30 days to
4 make any appointment to the county board.

5 3-2B-09.

6 (a) At the first meeting of the county board in December of each year, the county
7 board shall, **BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE VOTING MEMBERS CURRENTLY SERVING**,
8 elect a chair and vice chair from among the members.

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