SENATE BILL 511

By: Senator Hettleman
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Assigned to: Finance

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CHAPTER ______

1 AN ACT concerning

Human Services – Secretary of Aging – Qualifications

FOR the purpose of establishing certain qualification requirements for an individual
appointed as the Secretary of Aging; and generally relating to the Department of
Aging.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Human Services
Section 10–202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 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 – Human Services

10–202.

(a) (1) With the advice and consent of the Senate, the Governor shall appoint
the Secretary of Aging.

(2) The Secretary is the head of the Department.

(B) AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED AS THE SECRETARY MUST:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
Strike-out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by
amendment.
(1) HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WITH AND KNOWLEDGE OF:

(1) LAWS, LEGISLATION, AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO AGING; AND

(II) PROGRAMS FOR AGING INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING EVIDENCE–BASED AND DATA–DRIVEN PROGRAMS;

(2) DEMONSTRATE A COMMITMENT TO THE MISSIONS OF BOTH THE FEDERAL OLDER AMERICANS ACT AND THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(3) AT MINIMUM, HOLD A BACHELOR’S DEGREE.

[(b)] (C) Before taking office, the appointee shall take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

[(c)] (D) (1) The Secretary serves at the pleasure of the Governor and is responsible directly to the Governor.

(2) The Secretary shall advise the Governor on all matters assigned to the Department and is responsible for carrying out the Governor’s policies on those matters.

[(d)] (E) The Secretary is entitled to the compensation provided in the State budget.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 20, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.