

# HOUSE BILL 1345

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Harford Community College Board of Trustees – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a member of the Harford Community College Board of  
4 Trustees be a resident of Harford County for the duration of the member’s term;  
5 altering the membership of the Harford Community College Board of Trustees;  
6 requiring the Governor to consider certain factors when appointing members to the  
7 Board; altering meeting requirements so that the Harford Community College Board  
8 of Trustees and the Harford County Board of Education are no longer required to  
9 attend certain meetings; and generally relating to the Harford Community College  
10 Board of Trustees.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 16–408  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

16 BY adding to  
17 Article – Education  
18 Section 16–408.1  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Education**

24 16–408.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) The **HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE** Board of [Community  
2 College] Trustees [for Harford County] consists of nine members **APPOINTED FROM THE**  
3 **COUNTY AT LARGE.**

4 (2) Subject to paragraph [(4)] **(3)** of this subsection, each of the members  
5 shall be:

6 (i) A resident of Harford County **FOR THE DURATION OF THE**  
7 **MEMBER'S TERM;** and

8 (ii) Appointed by the Governor for terms of 5 years.

9 (3) [Of the nine members:

10 (i) Six shall be appointed with one from each of the six councilmanic  
11 districts; and

12 (ii) Three shall be appointed from the county at large.

13 (4) No member may be a member of the Harford County Board of  
14 Education while serving as a member of the Board.

15 (b) A member of the Board may not serve for more than two consecutive 5-year  
16 terms.

17 (c) [At least twice annually, the Board of Community College Trustees, the  
18 College President, the Harford County Board of Education, and the Superintendent of the  
19 Harford County public schools shall meet to discuss issues of mutual concern.] **TO THE**  
20 **EXTENT PRACTICABLE, WHEN APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD, THE**  
21 **GOVERNOR SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE GEOGRAPHIC AND ETHNIC**  
22 **REPRESENTATION OF HARFORD COUNTY SO THAT ALL SEGMENTS OF THE**  
23 **POPULATION OF THE COUNTY ARE REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD.**

24 **16-408.1.**

25 **AT LEAST TWICE ANNUALLY, THE PRESIDENT OF HARFORD COMMUNITY**  
26 **COLLEGE AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
27 **SHALL MEET TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN.**

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
29 1, 2024.