

# SENATE BILL 12

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By: **Senator Ellis**

Requested: November 1, 2023

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2024

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **College of Southern Maryland – Board of Trustees Membership – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the membership of the Board of Trustees of the College of  
4 Southern Maryland; requiring certain members of the Board of Trustees to be  
5 residents of Charles County; and generally relating to the Board of Trustees of the  
6 College of Southern Maryland.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Education

9 Section 16–602(a) through (c) and (h)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Education

14 Section 16–604

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Education**

20 16–602.

21 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (b) “Board of Trustees” means the Board of Trustees of the College of Southern  
23 Maryland.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) "College" means the College of Southern Maryland, formerly known as the  
2 Charles County Community College.

3 (h) "Southern Maryland" means the area that includes all of Calvert, Charles, and  
4 St. Mary's counties.

5 16-604.

6 (a) The government of the College is vested in the Board of Trustees.

7 (b) (1) The Board of Trustees consists of [nine] 11 members appointed by the  
8 Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

9 (2) Of the members:

10 (i) Each shall be a resident of the State;

11 (ii) Each shall have completed at least 60 hours of accredited college  
12 work; and

13 (iii) None may be an elected official of the State, a county, a municipal  
14 corporation, or a county board.

15 (3) Each of the southern Maryland counties shall be represented by at least  
16 one member who is a resident of that county.

17 (4) (I) [By July 1, 2010] **SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**  
18 **PARAGRAPH**, each of the southern Maryland counties shall be represented by at least three  
19 members who are residents of that county.

20 (II) **BY JULY 1, 2026, CHARLES COUNTY SHALL BE**  
21 **REPRESENTED BY AT LEAST FIVE MEMBERS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF CHARLES**  
22 **COUNTY.**

23 (c) (1) The term of a member is 5 years.

24 (2) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves for  
25 the remainder of that term.

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

27 (d) Each member of the Board of Trustees is entitled to receive up to \$600 a year  
28 for expenses.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the initial terms of the two  
2 additional members of the College of Southern Maryland Board of Trustees who represent  
3 Charles County, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall be as follows:

4                   (1)    One term shall begin July 1, 2024; and

5                   (2)    One term shall begin July 1, 2026.

6           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
7 1, 2024.