

# SENATE BILL 78

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By: **Senator Sydnor**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission**  
3 **– ~~Records~~ Publishing and Meetings Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing that certain records requested by and submitted to the~~  
5 ~~Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission are not confidential and~~  
6 ~~are subject to certain disclosure requirements~~ requiring the Baltimore County School  
7 Board Nominating Commission to publish the names of the candidates for  
8 appointment to the Baltimore County Board of Education on the Commission’s  
9 website before interviewing the candidates; requiring certain meetings of the  
10 Commission to be public; requiring certain meetings of the Commission to be held  
11 without the public in attendance and recorded, and for the recording to be provided,  
12 on request, within a certain period of time for public inspection; and generally  
13 relating to records and meetings of the Baltimore County School Board Nominating  
14 Commission.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Education  
17 Section 3–2B–03(a)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

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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.



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**Article – Education**

2 3–2B–03.

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

4 (2) The purpose of the Commission is to select nominees to be  
5 recommended to the Governor as qualified candidates for appointment to the Baltimore  
6 County Board of Education.7 (3) (i) The Commission shall hold at least three public hearings, each  
8 in a different councilmanic district, on the selection of multiple nominees before  
9 recommending to the Governor nominees for appointment to the county board.10 (ii) For a single vacancy on the county board, the Commission shall  
11 hold public meetings in the following manner on the selection of a nominee before  
12 recommending to the Governor the nominee for appointment to the county board:13 1. For a vacancy in a councilmanic district, at least one public  
14 meeting in that councilmanic district; or15 2. For a vacancy for a member appointed at large, at least  
16 one public meeting at the county board administrative offices.

17 (iii) The Commission shall make publicly available on its website:

18 1. Live video streaming of each public meeting; and

19 2. A complete and unedited archived video recording of each  
20 public meeting for which live streaming was made available under item 1 of this  
21 subparagraph.22 (4) ~~NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, AN~~  
23 ~~APPLICATION TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD, OR~~  
24 ~~ANY RECORD REQUESTED OR RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION FROM AN APPLICANT,~~  
25 ~~IS NOT CONFIDENTIAL AND IS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER TITLE 4 OF THE~~  
26 ~~GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE~~ BEFORE THE COMMISSION BEGINS INTERVIEWING  
27 CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD, THE COMMISSION SHALL  
28 PUBLISH THE NAMES OF ALL THE CANDIDATES ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE.29 (5) (I) ~~A~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS  
30 PARAGRAPH, A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IF IT  
31 INVOLVES AN INTERVIEW OF, DELIBERATION ABOUT, OR ACTION ON A CANDIDATE  
32 FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD.

1                    (ii) 1. A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION THAT INVOLVES AN  
2 INTERVIEW OF OR A DELIBERATION ABOUT A CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE  
3 COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE HELD WITHOUT THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE AND THE  
4 MEETING SHALL BE RECORDED.

5                    2. THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF A  
6 MEETING RECORDING FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER  
7 RECEIVING A REQUEST FOR THE RECORDING.

8                    SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
9 1, 2024.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.