

# HOUSE BILL 369

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Superintendent of Prince George's County – Selection Process**  
3 **– Alteration**

4 **PG 506–25**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the process by which the County Superintendent of the Prince  
6 George's County public school system is selected by requiring the Prince George's  
7 County Board of Education to select the County Superintendent in a certain manner;  
8 and generally relating to the selection process of the County Superintendent of the  
9 Prince George's County public school system.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 4–201.1  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 4–201.1.

19 (a) This section applies only in Prince George's County.

20 (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection [(e)] **(D)** of this section, the County  
21 Superintendent of the Prince George's County public school system shall be[:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) Selected by the County Executive in accordance with subsection (c) of  
2 this section; and

3 (2) Appointed] **SELECTED** by **A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF** the  
4 county board **FROM AMONG THE CANDIDATES CONSIDERED BY THE COUNTY BOARD**  
5 after agreement on contract terms negotiated by the chair of the county board.

6 [(c) (1) The County Executive shall select a County Superintendent from a list  
7 of three nominees recommended by a search committee that is composed of:

8 (i) One member of the State Board, appointed by the State  
9 Superintendent; and

10 (ii) Two residents of Prince George's County, appointed by the  
11 Governor.

12 (2) The search committee shall be chaired by a member selected by the  
13 State Superintendent.]

14 [(d) (C) (1) The term of the County Superintendent is 4 years beginning on  
15 July 1.

16 (2) The County Superintendent continues to serve until a successor is  
17 [appointed and qualifies] **SELECTED**.

18 (3) By February 1 of the year in which a term ends, the County  
19 Superintendent shall notify the [County Executive and the] county board if the County  
20 Superintendent is a candidate for [reappointment] **ANOTHER TERM**.

21 (4) (i) In the year a term begins, [the County Executive shall select a  
22 County Superintendent between February 1 and June 1, and] the county board shall  
23 complete the [appointment] **SELECTION OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT** on or  
24 before June 30.

25 (ii) If the [County Executive] **COUNTY BOARD** decides to select the  
26 incumbent County Superintendent, the county board shall complete the [reappointment]  
27 **SELECTION** no later than March 1 of that year.

28 (5) If the county board is unable to [appoint] **SELECT** a County  
29 Superintendent by July 1 of the year a term begins, the provisions of subsection [(f) (E)] of  
30 this section apply.

31 [(e) (1) (D) An individual may not be [appointed] **SELECTED** as County  
32 Superintendent unless the individual:

1                    [(i) Is eligible to be issued a certificate for the office by the State  
2 Superintendent;

3                    [(ii)] (1) Has graduated from an accredited college or university;  
4 and

5                    [(iii)] (2) Has completed 2 years of graduate work at an accredited  
6 college or university, including public school administration, supervision, and methods of  
7 teaching.

8                    [(2) The appointment of the County Superintendent is not valid unless  
9 approved in writing by the State Superintendent.

10                   [(3) If the State Superintendent disapproves an appointment, the State  
11 Superintendent shall give the reasons for disapproval in writing to the county board and  
12 the County Executive.]

13                   [(f)] (E) If a vacancy occurs in the office of County Superintendent, [the County  
14 Executive shall select and] the county board shall [appoint] **SELECT** an interim County  
15 Superintendent to serve until July 1 after the [appointment] **SELECTION**.

16                   [(g)] (F) On notification of pending criminal charges against the County  
17 Superintendent as provided under § 4–206 of this subtitle, the county board may suspend  
18 the County Superintendent with pay until the final disposition of the criminal charges.

19                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2025.