

Chapter 299

(Senate Bill 109)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Public Ethics Law – School Boards – Compliance Certification

FOR the purpose of requiring each school board to certify to the State Ethics Commission, on or before a certain date each year, that the school board is in compliance with certain requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law; and generally relating to the Maryland Public Ethics Law and school boards.

BY renumbering

Article – General Provisions
Section 5–816 through 5–820
to be Section 5–817 through 5–821, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – General Provisions
Section 5–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – General Provisions
Section 5–101(jj)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions
Section 5–816
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 5–816 through 5–820 of Article – General Provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 5–817 through 5–821, respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – General Provisions

5–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated unless:

- (1) the context clearly requires a different meaning; or
- (2) a different definition is adopted for a particular provision.

(jj) “School board” means a county board of education [or, in] **AND INCLUDES THE** Baltimore [City, the] **CITY** Board of School Commissioners.

5–816.

ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR, EACH SCHOOL BOARD SHALL CERTIFY TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART FOR:

(1) MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD; AND

(2) IF APPLICABLE, OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 6, 2025.