

## Chapter 578

**(House Bill 1171)**

AN ACT concerning

**Howard County Board of Education – Student Member – Voting****Ho. Co. 7–26**

FOR the purpose of altering the matters on which the student member of the Howard County Board of Education may vote; and generally relating to the student member of the Howard County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 Article – Education  
 Section 3–701(a)(1)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Education  
 Section 3–701(f)(7)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

**Article – Education**

3–701.

- (a) (1) The Howard County Board consists of:
  - (i) Seven elected members; and
  - (ii) One student member.
- (f) (7) The student member shall vote on all matters except those relating to:
  - (i) [Geographical attendance areas under § 4–109 of this article;
  - (ii) Acquisition and disposition of real property and matters pertaining to school construction under § 4–115 of this article;

- (iii)] Employment of architects under § 4–117 of this article;
- [(iv) Donations under § 4–118 of this article;
- (v) Condemnation under § 4–119 of this article;
- (vi) Consolidation of schools and transportation of students under § 4–120 of this article;
- (vii)] **(II)** Appointment and salary of a county superintendent under §§ 4–201 and 4–202 of this article;
- [(viii)] **(III)** Employee discipline and other appeals under § 4–205(c) of this article;
- [(ix) Budgetary matters under Title 5 of this article;
- (x)] **(IV)** Appointment and promotion of staff under § 6–201 of this article;
- [(xi)] **(V)** Discipline of certificated staff under § 6–202 of this article;
- [(xii)] **(VI)** Collective bargaining for certificated employees under Title 6, Subtitle 4 of this article; **AND**
- [(xiii)] **(VII)** Collective bargaining for noncertificated employees under Title 6, Subtitle 5 of this article[; and
- (xiv) Student suspension and expulsion under § 7–305 of this article].

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

**Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2026.**