

Chapter 579

(House Bill 1172)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Economic Development Authority – Alterations**Ho. Co. 14–26**

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a certain individual designate a certain representative as an ex officio member of the Board of Directors of the Howard County Economic Development Authority; altering the frequency of certain Board meetings; amending the title of certain staff for the Authority; and generally relating to the Howard County Economic Development Authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Howard County
Section 26.102(b) and (g) and 26.103(a)(1)
Article 14 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2019 Edition and October 2024 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 14 – Howard County

26.102.

(b) [(1)] The Board shall have 13 voting members appointed by the County Executive with the approval of the County Council.

[(2) The Chairman of the Mid–Maryland Private Industry Council shall designate a Howard County private sector representative from the Council to be an ex officio nonvoting member.]

(g) (1) Seven members of the Board[, excluding the ex officio nonvoting member] constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business.

(2) The affirmative vote of at least seven members is required before the Board may take action.

(3) The Board shall meet at least once [each] **EVERY OTHER** month at the times and places that it determines and more often at the call of the chair.

26.103.

(a) (1) Subject to the approval of the Board, the County Executive shall nominate one or more candidates for Executive Director, who shall be the Chief [Administrative] **EXECUTIVE** Officer of the Authority.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2026.