

## Chapter 720

**(Senate Bill 339)**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland School for the Deaf – Membership of Board of Trustees – Alterations**

FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland School for the Deaf; and generally relating to the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland School for the Deaf.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Education  
Section 8–3A–04(a) and (b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Education  
Section 8–3A–04(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2022 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**

8–3A–04.

- (a) There is a Maryland School for the Deaf.
- (b) The governance of the Maryland School for the Deaf is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Maryland School for the Deaf.
- (c)
  - (1) The Board of Trustees shall consist of **[19] 13** members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.
  - (2) Of the **[19] 13** members, at least **[6] 7** members shall be deaf.
  - (3) Each member of the Board shall:
    - (i) Be a resident of the State;
    - (ii) Be a member of the general public; and

(iii) Have demonstrated an active interest in the education of deaf children.

(4) Each geographic region of the State shall be represented by at least one member of the Board.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The terms of the first 6 appointed members of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland School for the Deaf whose terms expire after the effective date of this Act shall terminate at the end of the last day of each respective term.

(b) On the termination of an appointed member in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall prioritize appointing members who are deaf in accordance with § 8-3A-04(c)(2) of the Education Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

**Approved by the Governor, May 26, 2026.**