

HOUSE BILL 839

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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick Community College – Board of Trustees – Meeting and Training**
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing certain public comment requirements and recording
5 requirements for the Board of Community College Trustees for Frederick County;
6 requiring the members of the Board to undergo certain training; and generally
7 relating to the Board of Community College Trustees for Frederick County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 16–407
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 Preamble

14 WHEREAS, Public comment enables and enhances communication and
15 transparency between decision-making bodies and the community; and

16 WHEREAS, The Frederick County Delegation acknowledges Frederick Community
17 College’s efforts to engage with the public; and

18 WHEREAS, This Act is intended to supplement Frederick Community College’s
19 efforts to engage with the public; now, therefore,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 16–407.

5 (a) The Board of Community College Trustees for Frederick County consists of
6 seven members. Of the members:

7 (1) Each shall be a resident of Frederick County; and

8 (2) Each shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent
9 of the Senate, for a term of 5 years.

10 (b) (1) A member of the Board of Community College Trustees may not serve
11 more than three consecutive 5–year terms.

12 (2) A member of the Frederick County Board of Education may not serve
13 on the Board of Community College Trustees.

14 (c) Each member of the Board is entitled to \$500 a year for expenses.

15 **(D) EACH MEETING OF THE BOARD SHALL INCLUDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR**
16 **PUBLIC COMMENT.**

17 **(E) (1) THE BOARD SHALL MAKE A VIDEO OR AUDIO RECORDING OF EACH**
18 **MEETING OF THE BOARD.**

19 **(2) THE BOARD SHALL MAKE A RECORDING REQUIRED UNDER**
20 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE BOARD’S**
21 **WEBSITE WITHOUT CHARGE AND, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, WITHIN 2**
22 **BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE RECORDING IS MADE.**

23 **(F) (1) THE BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN IN PERPETUITY A VIDEO OR AUDIO**
24 **RECORDING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY MINUTES**
25 **OF THE BOARD.**

26 **(2) THE BOARD MAY TRANSCRIBE A VIDEO RECORDING REQUIRED**
27 **UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION IF:**

28 **(I) THE VIDEO RECORDING HAS BEEN MAINTAINED FOR AT**
29 **LEAST 5 YEARS; AND**

1 **(II) THE TRANSCRIBED VIDEO RECORDING IS MAINTAINED IN**
2 **PERPETUITY.**

3 **(G) AS PART OF ONGOING TRAINING FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND AT LEAST**
4 **EVERY 2 YEARS, THE BOARD MEMBERS SHALL UNDERGO TRAINING SPECIFIC TO**
5 **BOARD GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ROLES.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
7 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.