

# SENATE BILL 253

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By: **Senator Hettleman**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County Public Library – Collective Bargaining – Supervisory**  
3 **Employees**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing supervisory employees of the Baltimore County Public  
5 Library to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in  
6 certain other activities related to collective bargaining; authorizing certain  
7 bargaining units for the employees of the Baltimore County Public Library; altering  
8 certain provisions to provide that an employee may be deemed a certain management  
9 employee, rather than a supervisory employee, under certain circumstances; and  
10 generally relating to collective bargaining for supervisory employees of the Baltimore  
11 County Public Library.

12 BY renumbering  
13 Article – Education  
14 Section 23–802 through 23–812  
15 to be Section 23–803 through 23–813, respectively  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
19 Article – Education  
20 Section 23–801(a), (k), and (l)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
24 Article – Education  
25 Section 23–801(h)  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 23–802

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 23–803 and 23–810(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That Section(s) 23–802 through 23–812 of Article – Education of the Annotated Code of  
Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 23–803 through 23–813, respectively.

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

### **Article – Education**

23–801.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(h) (1) “Employee” means a full–time or part–time employee of the library.

(2) “Employee” does not include a confidential employee[,] OR  
management employee[, or supervisory employee].

(k) “Management employee” means an employee who generally has authority and  
who:

(1) Formulates policy that is applicable throughout a bargaining unit;

(2) Has a significant role in personnel administration, employee relations,  
or the preparation and administration of budgets for the employer; or

(3) May reasonably be required to:

(i) Assist directly in the preparation for and conduct of collective  
bargaining negotiations on behalf of the employer; or

(ii) Have a major role in the administration of resulting collective  
bargaining agreements.

(l) "Supervisory employee" means an employee who is authorized to:

(1) Hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline employees;

(2) Responsibly direct employees for more than 50% of the employee's working hours; or

(3) Address and resolve the grievances of employees.

**23-802.**

**(A) THERE MAY NOT BE MORE THAN TWO BARGAINING UNITS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING:**

**(1) ONE BARGAINING UNIT FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NOT SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES; AND**

**(2) ONE BARGAINING UNIT FOR SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES.**

**(B) THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO MODIFY OR TERMINATE:**

**(1) A BARGAINING UNIT THAT WAS RECOGNIZED OR IN EXISTENCE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2026; OR**

**(2) A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2026.**

**23-803.**

(a) An employee who may effectively recommend an action listed in [§ 23-801(l)] **§ 23-801(k)** of this subtitle may be deemed a [supervisory] **MANAGEMENT** employee if the employee's exercise of the authority requires the exercise of independent judgment and is not merely of a routine or clerical nature.

(b) The exercise of any single function listed in [§ 23-801(l)] **§ 23-801(k)** of this subtitle may not necessarily require the conclusion that the individual exercising that function is in fact a [supervisory] **MANAGEMENT** employee within the meaning of the definition.

(c) In differentiating a [supervisory] **MANAGEMENT** employee from a [nonsupervisory] **NONMANAGEMENT** employee:

(1) A class title alone may not be the basis for determination; and

1           (2)    The nature of the [supervisory] MANAGEMENT employee's work,  
2 including whether or not a significant portion of the [supervisory] MANAGEMENT  
3 employee's working time is spent as part of a team that includes [nonsupervisory]  
4 NONMANAGEMENT employees shall be considered.

5   23–810.

6           (a)    The Board shall submit a term of a collective bargaining agreement or  
7 memorandum of understanding entered into under [§§ 23–807 and 23–808] **§§ 23–808**  
8 **AND 23–809** of this subtitle to the County Executive with the Board's recommendation  
9 regarding whether the agreement or the mediator's decision requires an appropriation of  
10 additional funds.

11           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
12 1, 2026.