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House Bill 287
Anne Arundel County – Board of Education Annual Meeting - Date
with amendment

Cross-file: SB 222

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House Ways and Means Committee – February 5, 2020

Chairwoman Kaiser, Vice Chair Washington and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present **House Bill 287**.

The purpose of this bill is to alter the date that the Anne Arundel County Board of Education is required to hold its annual meeting.

Because of the legislation passed in 2017 that requires the transition from an appointed Board to an elected one, the Board changed its policy to enable the election of Board Officers to occur annually in December, to coincide with the first meeting of newly elected members. However, the law states that the Board must elect officers during its annual meeting, which is currently in July. The goal of this bill is to adjust the misalignment between the State code and the Board policy.

In addition, we are proposing an amendment that adds language that is specific to Anne Arundel County regarding the election of and the term requirement for officers. The Delegation will be voting on the amendment and the bill on Friday, and we expect it to become a Delegation bill.

To allow the Board to elect officers during the most appropriate time. **I respectfully request a favorable vote for HB 287 with the amendment.**

BY: Delegate Carey
(To be offered in the Anne Arundel County Delegation)

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 287

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “– Date” and substitute “and Election of Officers”; in line 3, after the first “of” insert “requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to elect a president and vice president from among its elected members at its annual meeting; establishing the term of the president and vice president; providing that an individual who fills a certain vacancy may be elected to serve as president or vice president;”; in lines 3 and 4, strike “Anne Arundel County Board of Education” and substitute “county board”; in line 5, after “meeting” insert “and officers”; and after line 5 insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 3-2A-06.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 18, insert:

“3-2A-06.1.

(A) AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL ELECT A PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT FROM AMONG ITS ELECTED MEMBERS.

(B) THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT SHALL SERVE A TERM OF 1 YEAR.

(C) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO FILLS A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD UNDER § 3-2A-04 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE ELECTED TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT.”