

Cecil Board of Education endorses SB 823.pdf

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March 1, 2021

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear State Senator Pinsky:

Re: Endorsement of *Senate Bill 823, Cecil County – Board of Education – Member Terms and Compensation*

As President and Vice President of the Board of Education of Cecil County (BOE), we are submitting this letter with the full support of all five Board members. We strongly support *Senate Bill 823, Cecil County – Board of Education – Member Terms and Compensation*, which is scheduled for a committee hearing on March 3, 2021.

The premise of this legislation is two-part. First, it is to change our BOE term limits for serving the Cecil County Public Schools (CCPS). SB 823 would provide the opportunity for Board members to serve three terms of four years each (upon successful election results), instead of the current two terms of four years each. This change would solidify our Board with a built-in balance of continuity, while maintaining their collegial relationship, and allowing members to experience a full rotation of Board assignments. Cecil County is rich in community partnerships; our Board is well respected as cohesive partners.

The second part of SB 823 legislation is to provide increased compensation. The compensation of our BOE has not been changed in nearly 20 years. Our Board members are truly dedicated individuals committed to serving our learners, families, and the community. The hours spent in Board meetings is staggering, as well as their time when visiting schools and showing their support by attending various events such as graduations, fine arts performances, sporting events, MABE trainings/committee meetings, STEM gallery walks, CCPS committee work, and Cecil Night in Annapolis, just to name a few. Our current Board members will not benefit from this increased compensation; but they would surely deserve it, as will their followers.

The Board of Education of Cecil County genuinely appreciates sponsorship from Senator Gallion and Senator Hershey. We whole-heartedly endorse SB 823 and request your support and assistance in passing this bill.

Sincerely,

William H. Malesh
Board President

Sincerely,

Diana B. Hawley
Board Vice President

cc: Cecil County Delegation

Cecil County Council endorses SB 823.pdf

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February 16, 2021

The Hon. Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Letter of Support
SB 823 Cecil County – Board of Education – Member Terms and Compensation

Dear Senator Pinsky and members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee:

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County unanimously support SB 823 Cecil County – Board of Education – Member Terms and Compensation, which was scheduled for a committee hearing on February 10, 2021. We apologize that this letter was delayed.

This legislation increases the number of terms that members of the Cecil County Board of Education may serve from two terms of 4 years to three terms of 4 years. The Bill also raises board members' compensation from \$4,000 to \$5,500 for the Board President and from \$3,500 to \$5,000 for other board members.

This Bill impacts Cecil County only. Having board members to serve an additional term keeps members who are well experienced. In addition, the current compensation for Cecil County Board of Education members is among the lowest in the State. If this Bill does not pass, board members will continue to be able to serve for two terms and continue to receive a lower compensation for their very important service to public schools.

The Cecil County Executive and County Council respectfully request that the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee to consider a favorable report on SB 823.

Danielle Hornberger
Cecil County Executive

Sincerely;

Robert Meffley
Council President

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March 1st, 2021

The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Chair

Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

Re: Senate Bill 823

Position: Favorable

Dear Chairman Pinsky and EHEA Committee Members,

SB 823 increases the maximum number of terms a member of the Cecil County Board of Education may serve from two to three terms. The bill also increases by \$1,500 the minimum compensation provided to school board members. The minimum compensation for the board president increases from \$4,000 to \$5,500 annually, while the minimum compensation for other voting board members increases from \$3,500 to \$5,000 annually.

I respectfully ask for a favorable vote on SB 823.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason Gallion".

Senator Jason Gallion

District 35 – Cecil & Harford Counties