



JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR.
County Executive

CHARLES R. CONNER III, ESQ.
Director of Government Affairs

JOEL N. BELLER
Deputy Director of Government Affairs

BILL NO.: **SB 150**

TITLE: Baltimore County - Board of Education - Election of Officers

SPONSOR: Senator Sydnor

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: March 24, 2021

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 150 – Baltimore County - Board of Education - Election of Officers. This legislation would alter the number of votes required to elect the main leadership positions on the Baltimore County Board of Education.

As a former educator and student member of the Baltimore County Board of Education, County Executive Olszewski understands the important function of the Board of Education in driving critical decisions that affect the County’s children and their education. This body requires fairly elected leadership in order to maintain a high standard for the policies that govern the Baltimore County Public School system.

SB 150 reforms the Board of Education’s voting procedures so that a majority vote of the members present is required to elect a chair and vice chair, ensuring that any vacancies or absences are taken into account in these selections. This will help to uphold the integrity of the Board’s future elections.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 150. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Director of Government Affairs, at cconner@baltimorecountymd.gov.