

SENATE BILL 174

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(PRE-FILED)

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Education – Enforcement Procedures – ~~Alteration~~ Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring an appeals process~~ prohibiting certain processes concerning
4 removal of a county superintendent of schools or a member of a county board of education
5 established by the State Board of
6 Education ~~not to exceed~~ from exceeding a certain number of days ~~for appeals of actions~~
7 ~~taken by a~~
8 ~~county board of education for removal of the county superintendent or a member of~~
9 ~~the county board of education~~, subject to certain exceptions; and generally relating
10 to enforcement procedures of the State Board of Education.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 2–205(a) and (d)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Education
15 Section 2–205(e)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 2–205.

22 (a) In addition to the other powers granted and duties imposed under this article,
23 the State Board has the powers and duties set forth in this section.

2 REPRINT OF SENATE BILL 174 as amended by SB0174/863820/1 02/02/26 at 10:19 AM

1 (d) The State Board may institute legal proceedings to enforce:

2 (1) The provisions of this article that are within its jurisdiction; and

3 (2) The bylaws, rules, and regulations adopted by the Board.

4 (e) (1) Without charge and with the advice of the Attorney General, the State
5 Board shall explain the true intent and meaning of the provisions of:

6 (i) This article that are within its jurisdiction; and

7 (ii) The bylaws, rules, and regulations adopted by the Board.

8 (2) Except as provided in paragraph [(4)] (5) of this subsection and in Title
9 6, Subtitles 4 and 5 of this article, the Board shall decide all controversies and disputes
10 under these provisions.

11 (3) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
12 PARAGRAPH, AN APPEALS PROCESS THE FOLLOWING PROCESSES ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD MAY NOT
13 EXCEED 90 DAYS:

14 1. ~~FOR THE~~ THE PROCESS FOR AN APPEAL OF AN ACTION TAKEN BY A COUNTY BOARD
REGARDING THE COUNTY BOARD'S REMOVAL OF:

15 1. ~~THE~~ THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT; OR

16 2. ~~A~~ THE PROCESSES FOR REMOVAL OF A COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OR A MEMBER
OF THE A COUNTY BOARD.

17 (II) THE APPEALS PROCESS PROCESSES DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS
18 PARAGRAPH MAY EXCEED 90 DAYS IF:

19 1. DUE PROCESS DEMANDS THE EXTENSION; OR

20 2. THE STATE BOARD DETERMINES THAT AN
21 EXTENSION IS NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC
22 HEALTH OR SAFETY.

23 [(3)] (4) The decision of the Board is final.

24 [(4)] (5) (i) The Public Employee Relations Board shall decide any
25 controversy or dispute arising under Title 6, Subtitle 4 or Subtitle 5 of this article.

26 (ii) A decision of the Public Employee Relations Board is final.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
28 1, 2026.