

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2024, Legislative Day No. 16

Bill No. 71-24

All Councilmembers

By the County Council, September 3, 2024

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations – Standardization of Member
Compensation and Expense Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of standardizing the compensation and expense reimbursement rules for certain members of certain boards, commissions, committees, panels, and foundations; prohibiting such members from receiving compensation of their service on the body to which they were appointed, but permitting such members to receive certain reimbursements for expenses necessarily incurred under certain circumstances, if provided for in the County operating budget, and repealing certain duplicative sections or subsections prohibiting compensation but permitting reimbursement; consolidating existing authority to compensate certain members into a single section and repealing certain duplicative sections or subsections; and generally relating to the compensation of and expense reimbursement for members of boards, commissions, committees, panels, and foundations.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

BY repealing

Sections 3-3-304, 3-3-404(c), 3-3-804(c), 3-3-904(b), 3-3-1402(b), 3-3-1509,
3-3-1704(b), 3-3-1904(c), 3-3-2004(d), ~~and~~ 3-3-2808(f), and 3-3-2907

Article 3 – Administration

Title 3 – Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations

Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Sections 3-3-505(c)-(d), 3-3-604(b)-(c), 3-3-703(a)-(b), 3-3-1004(c)-(e), 3-3-1104(c)-(d),
3-3-1204(b)-(c), 3-3-1504, and 3-3-1804(c)-(d)

Article 3 – Administration

Title 3 – Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations

Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY renaming

Subtitle 1 – Removal and Resignation of Members

To be Subtitle 1 – In General

Article 3 – Administration

Title 3 – Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations

Baltimore County Code, 2015

BY adding

Section 3-3-105

Article 3 – Administration

Title 3 – Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations

Subtitle 1 – In General

Baltimore County Code, 2015

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

4 ARTICLE 3 – ADMINISTRATION

5 Title 3 – Boards, Commissions, Committees, Panels, and Foundations

6 Subtitle 1 – [Removal and Resignation of Members] IN GENERAL

1 § 3-3-105. MEMBER COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT.

2 (A) A MEMBER OF A BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, PANEL, OR
3 FOUNDATION SET FORTH IN THIS TITLE:

4 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICE AS A
5 MEMBER, EXCEPT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; BUT

6 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES NECESSARILY
7 INCURRED, IF APPROVED BY THE BODY TO WHICH THE MEMBER IS APPOINTED
8 AND PROVIDED FOR IN THE COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET.

9 (B) A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS,
10 COMMITTEES, PANELS, OR FOUNDATIONS MAY RECEIVE COMPENSATION FROM
11 TIME TO TIME AS SPECIFIED IN THIS TITLE OR § 4-6-101 OF THE CODE:

12 (1) AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE ELECTRICAL ADMINISTRATIVE
13 BOARD THAT IS NOT AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER;

14 (2) THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING BOARD;

15 (3) AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF PLUMBING AND GASFITTING
16 BOARD, EXCEPT THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND
17 SUSTAINABILITY, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, AND THE CHIEF PLUMBING
18 INSPECTOR OF THE COUNTY;

19 (4) THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY
20 BOARD;

21 (5) A MEMBER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE, AS
22 SET FORTH IN § 3-3-2808; AND

23 (6) THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF A TRIAL BOARD.

1
2 Subtitle 3. Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board

3 [§ 3-3-304. Compensation.

4 A member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board:

5 (1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Board; but

6 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred, if approved by
7 the Board and provided for in the county operating budget.]

8
9 Subtitle 4. Animal Hearing Board

10 § 3-3-404. Quorum; Meetings; [Compensation].

11 [(c) A member of the Board:

12 (1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Board; but

13 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred, if approved by
14 the Board and provided for in the county operating budget.]

15
16 Subtitle 5. Commission On Arts and Sciences

17 § 3-3-505. Quorum; Meetings; [Compensation;] Staff.

18 (c) [A member of the Commission:

19 (1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

20 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred, if approved by
21 the Commission and provided for in the county operating budget.

22 (d)] The County Executive may provide for personnel to carry out the purposes of this
23 subtitle as the County Executive considers appropriate and necessary.

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2 Subtitle 6. Commission on Disabilities

3 § 3-3-604. Meetings; [Compensation;] Staff.

4 (b) [A member of the Commission:

5 (1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

6 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred, if approved by
7 the Commission and provided for in the county operating budget.

8 (c)] Subject to approval of the County Executive and the county's budgetary and fiscal
9 procedures, the Commission shall be provided the staff, support personnel, equipment, and
10 supplies necessary for it to perform its duties and responsibilities.
11

12 Subtitle 7. County Educational Foundation

13 § 3-3-703. [Compensation;] Staff.

14 [(a) A director of the County Educational Foundation:

15 (1) May not receive compensation as a Director of the Foundation; but

16 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred, if approved by
17 the Foundation and provided for in the county operating budget.

18 (b)] The Foundation may appoint an executive director and other necessary employees
19 whose salaries shall be paid for by appropriations in the county budget.
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21 Subtitle 8. Electrical Administrative Board

22 § 3-3-804. Quorum; Meetings[; Compensation].

1 [(c) (1) The members of the Board serving ex officio may not receive additional
2 compensation for their services on the Board.

3 (2) Each appointed member of the Board is entitled to:

4 (i) Compensation determined by the County Executive in accordance with
5 the county budget; and

6 (ii) Reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred, if approved by the
7 Board and provided for in the county operating budget.]

8
9 Subtitle 9. Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees
10 § 3-3-904. Quorum[; Compensation].

11 [(b) A trustee may not receive compensation for the trustee's services.]

12
13 Subtitle 10. Ethics Commission
14 § 3-3-1004. Votes; Meetings; [Reimbursement;] Staff; Budget and Office.

15 (c) [Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred,
16 if approved by the Commission and provided for in the county operating budget.

17 (d)] (1) The County Executive shall appoint an Executive Director and other staff for
18 the Commission as the County Executive considers appropriate.

19 (2) The Executive Director must:

20 (i) Be an attorney licensed to practice law in the state and in good
21 standing with the State Supreme Court; and

22 (ii) Meet the eligibility requirements for a Commission member.

[(e)] (D) (1) Office space shall be provided to the Commission, its Executive Director, and staff.

(2) The necessary supplies and equipment required by the Commission to perform its functions shall be included in the county budget and provided to the Commission and its staff.

Subtitle 11. Human Relations Commission

§ 3-3-1104. Quorum; Meetings; [Compensation;] Staff.

(c) [A member of the Commission:

(1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

(2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred, if approved by the Commission and provided for in the county operating budget.

(d)] (1) (i) The County Executive shall appoint an Executive Director, who shall be the Chief of the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

(ii) The Executive Director:

1. Shall attend all meetings and hearings of the Commission; and
2. In addition to the duties specified in this subtitle and Article 29

of the Code, shall perform duties as prescribed by the Commission.

(2) The County Executive may authorize other personnel to assist the commission in carrying out the provisions of this subtitle and Article 29 of the Code.

Subtitle 12. Landmarks Preservation Commission

§ 3-3-1204. Quorum; [Compensation;] Staff.

1 (b) [A member of the Commission:

2 (1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

3 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred, if approved by
4 the Commission and provided for in the county operating budget.

5 (c)] (1) (i) The Commission shall appoint an individual who is not a member of
6 the Commission as secretary to the Commission, to perform duties required:

7 1. In Article 32, Title 7 of the Code; and

8 2. By the Commission.

9 (ii) The secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission.

10 (2) The County Council may provide funding for other supporting staff for the
11 Commission in the annual budget and the county appropriation ordinance.

12
13 Subtitle 14. Planning Board

14 § 3-3-1402. Meetings and Hearings[; Compensation].

15 [(b) The chair and members of the Planning Board:

16 (1) May receive compensation as specified from time to time in Baltimore
17 County Code § 4-6-101; and

18 (2) Are entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred, if approved
19 by the Board and provided for in the county operating budget.]

20
21 Subtitle 15. Plumbing And Gasfitting

22 § 3-3-1504. Plumbing And Gasfitting Board – Compensation.

1 [(a) The Director of Environmental Protection and Sustainability or the director's
2 designee and the Chief Plumbing Inspector of the county may not receive additional
3 compensation for their services on the Plumbing and Gasfitting Board.

4 (b) Each appointed member of the Board is entitled to:

5 (1) Compensation determined by the County Executive; and

6 (2) Reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred, if approved by the Board
7 and provided for in the county operating budget.

8 (c)] Compensation and reimbursement paid [under this section] TO A MEMBER OF
9 THE PLUMBING AND GASFITTING BOARD shall be paid from the fees for examinations
10 and certificates.

11
12 [§ 3-3-1509. Code Committee – Compensation.

13 An appointed member of the Plumbing and Gasfitting Code Committee:

14 (1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Committee; but

15 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred, if approved by
16 the Committee and provided for in the county operating budget.]

17
18 Subtitle 17. Board Of Recreation and Parks

19 § 3-3-1704. Meetings[; Compensation].

20 [(b) A member of the Board:

21 (1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Board; but

22 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred, if approved by
23 the Board and provided for in the county operating budget.]

Subtitle 18. Telecommunications Advisory Panel

§ 3-3-1804. Quorum; Meetings; [Compensation;] Staff.

(c) [A member of the Panel:

(1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Panel; but

(2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred, if approved by the Panel and provided for in the county operating budget.

(d) (1)] Subject to approval and appropriate budgetary action by the County Council, the Panel may recommend to the Council the:

[(i)] (1) Employment of clerical personnel in order to carry out its functions; and

[(ii)] (2) Engagement of the services of experts or consultants on a contract basis.

[(2) All operational costs of the Panel shall be paid from the fees paid to the county by franchisees.]

Subtitle 19. Commission For Women

§ 3-3-1904. Quorum; Meetings[; Compensation].

[(c) A member of the Commission:

(1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

(2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred, if approved by the Commission and provided for in the county operating budget.]

1 Subtitle 20. Commission On Veterans' Affairs

2 § 3-3-2004. Meetings; Quorum; Rules[; Compensation].

3 [(d) A member is not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses incurred
4 as a member of the Commission.]

5
6 Subtitle 25. Baltimore County Behavioral Health Advisory Council

7 § 3-3-2504. Terms.

8 [(d) Members of the Council shall receive no salaries but shall be reimbursed for all
9 expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with
10 appropriations approved by the County Council.]

11
12 Subtitle 28. Administrative Charging Committee and Trial Boards

13 § 3-3-2808. Budget; Records; Staff; Counsel.

14 [(f) The chair and members of a Trial Board:

15 (1) Shall receive compensation as specified from time to time in Baltimore
16 County Code § 4-6-101; and

17 (2) Are entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred, if approved
18 by the Board and provided for in the county operating budget.]

19
20 Subtitle 29. Community Reinvestment and Repair Commission

21 [§ 3-3-2907.

22 (a) A member of the community reinvestment and repair commission may not receive
23 compensation as a member of the commission.

1 **(b) If approved by the commission and provided for in the county operating budget, a**
2 **commission member is entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred.]**

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4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect 45 days
5 after its enactment.



LEGISLATION DETAIL

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