

Chapter 356

(House Bill 495)

AN ACT concerning

Education – Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission
– ~~Records~~ Publishing and Meetings Requirements

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing that certain records requested by and submitted to the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission are not confidential and are subject to certain disclosure requirements~~ requiring the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission to publish the names of the candidates for appointment to the Baltimore County Board of Education on the Commission's website before interviewing the candidates; requiring certain meetings of the Commission to be public; requiring certain meetings of the Commission to be held without the public in attendance and recorded, and for the recording to be provided, on request, within a certain period of time for public inspection; and generally relating to records and meetings of the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 3–2B–03(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

3–2B–03.

(a) (1) There is a Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission.

(2) The purpose of the Commission is to select nominees to be recommended to the Governor as qualified candidates for appointment to the Baltimore County Board of Education.

(3) (i) The Commission shall hold at least three public hearings, each in a different councilmanic district, on the selection of multiple nominees before recommending to the Governor nominees for appointment to the county board.

(ii) For a single vacancy on the county board, the Commission shall hold public meetings in the following manner on the selection of a nominee before recommending to the Governor the nominee for appointment to the county board:

1. For a vacancy in a councilmanic district, at least one public meeting in that councilmanic district; or

2. For a vacancy for a member appointed at large, at least one public meeting at the county board administrative offices.

(iii) The Commission shall make publicly available on its website:

1. Live video streaming of each public meeting; and

2. A complete and unedited archived video recording of each public meeting for which live streaming was made available under item 1 of this subparagraph.

~~(4) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, AN APPLICATION TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD, OR ANY RECORD REQUESTED OR RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION FROM AN APPLICANT, IS NOT CONFIDENTIAL AND IS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER TITLE 4 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE~~ BEFORE THE COMMISSION BEGINS INTERVIEWING CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD, THE COMMISSION SHALL PUBLISH THE NAMES OF ALL THE CANDIDATES ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE.

~~(5) (I) A~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IF IT INVOLVES AN INTERVIEW OF, DELIBERATION ABOUT, OR ACTION ON A CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD.

(II) 1. A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION THAT INVOLVES AN INTERVIEW OF OR A DELIBERATION ABOUT A CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE HELD WITHOUT THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE AND THE MEETING SHALL BE RECORDED.

2. THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF A MEETING RECORDING FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER RECEIVING A REQUEST FOR THE RECORDING.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, April 25, 2024.