

SENATE BILL 887

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By: **Senator King**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Boards of Education – Reappointment of Incumbent County**
3 **Superintendent – Authorization**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county board of education to reappoint an incumbent
5 county superintendent in a certain manner; and generally relating to the
6 reappointment of incumbent county superintendents.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 4–201(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Education
14 Section 4–201(b)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 4–201.

21 (a) (1) This section does not apply to Baltimore City.

22 (2) Subsections (b), (c), (d), and (f) of this section do not apply in Prince
23 George’s County.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(b) (1) The term of a county superintendent is 4 years beginning on July 1. A county superintendent continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(2) [By February 1 of the year in which a term ends, the county superintendent shall notify the county board whether the superintendent is a candidate for reappointment.

(3) (I) [In] **SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,** IN the year in which [a] **AN INITIAL** term begins, the county board shall appoint a county superintendent between February 1 and June 30. [However, if the county board decides to reappoint the incumbent superintendent, the county board shall take final action at a public meeting no later than March 1 of that year.]

(II) **AT ANY POINT DURING THE INCUMBENT SUPERINTENDENT'S TERM, THE COUNTY BOARD MAY TAKE ACTION AT A PUBLIC MEETING NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE CONTRACT IS BEING RENEWED TO REAPPOINT THE INCUMBENT SUPERINTENDENT TO SERVE A NEW TERM OF 4 YEARS BEGINNING THE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING JULY 1.**

[(4)] (3) If a county board is unable to appoint a county superintendent by July 1 of a year in which a term begins, the provisions of subsection (d) of this section apply.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2025.