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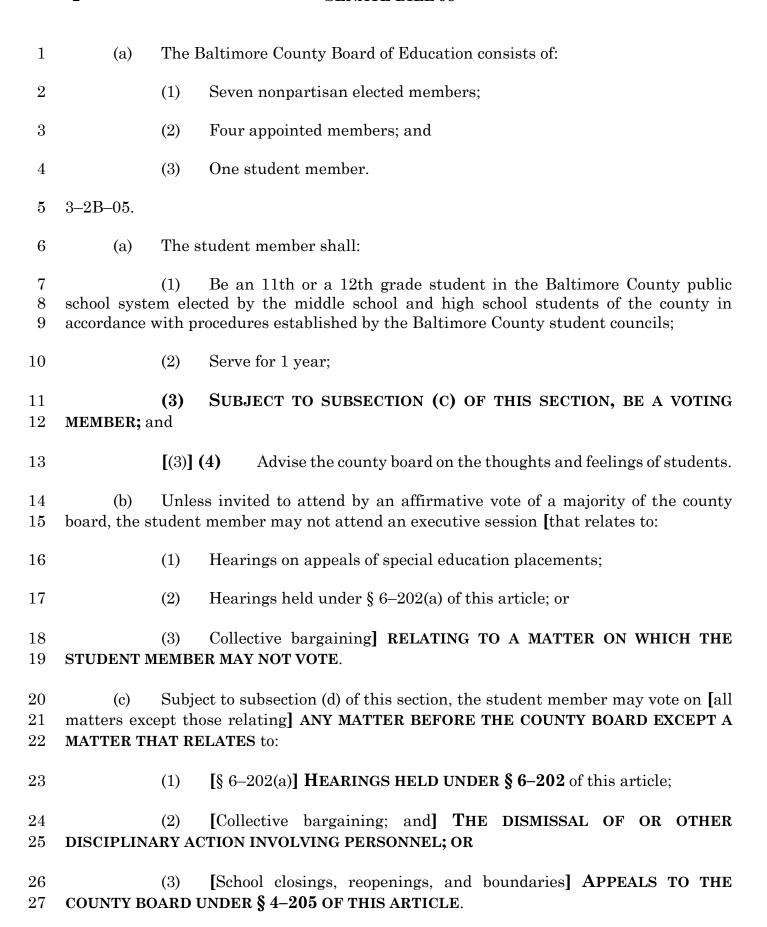
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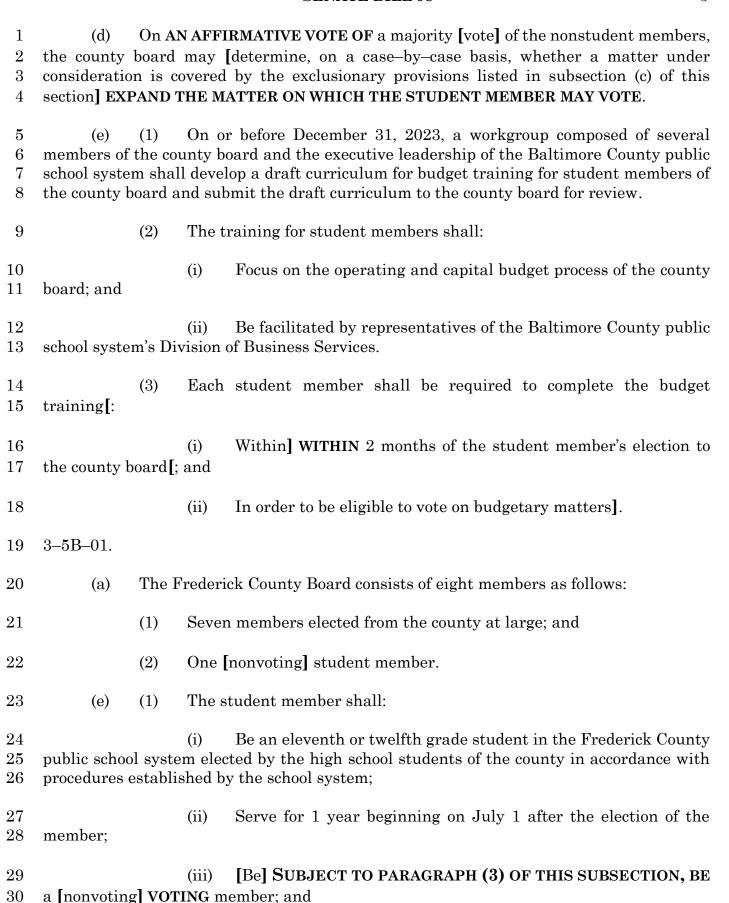
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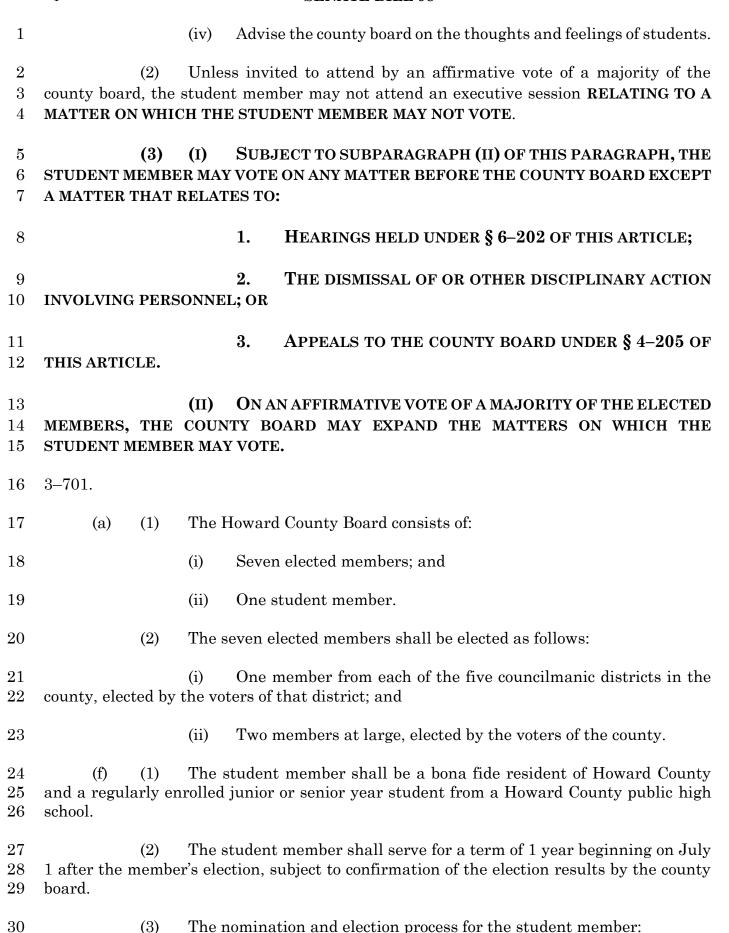
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2 Baltimore County, Frederick County, Howard County, and Washington County 3 Boards of Education – Student Members – Alterations

- 4 FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law relating to the rights and privileges of student members of certain county boards of education; repealing the requirement 5 6 that a student member of the Baltimore County Board of Education complete a 7 certain training prior to voting on certain matters; adding a nonvoting student 8 member to the Washington County Board of Education; establishing a certain 9 scholarship and reimbursement for certain activities of the student member of the 10 Washington County Board of Education; and generally relating to student members 11 of county boards of education.
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 13 Article Education
- 14 Section 3–2B–01(a) and 3–701(a)
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 18 Article Education
- 19 Section 3–2B–05, 3–5B–01(a) and (e), 3–701(f), 3–1301, and 3–1302
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 24 Article Education
- 25 3-2B-01.



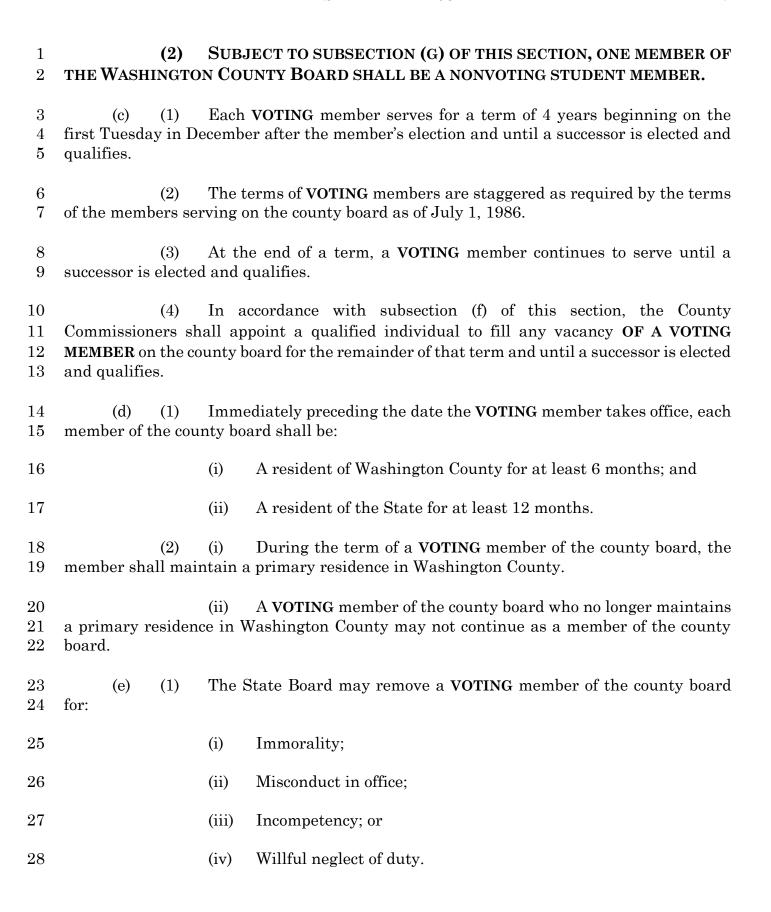




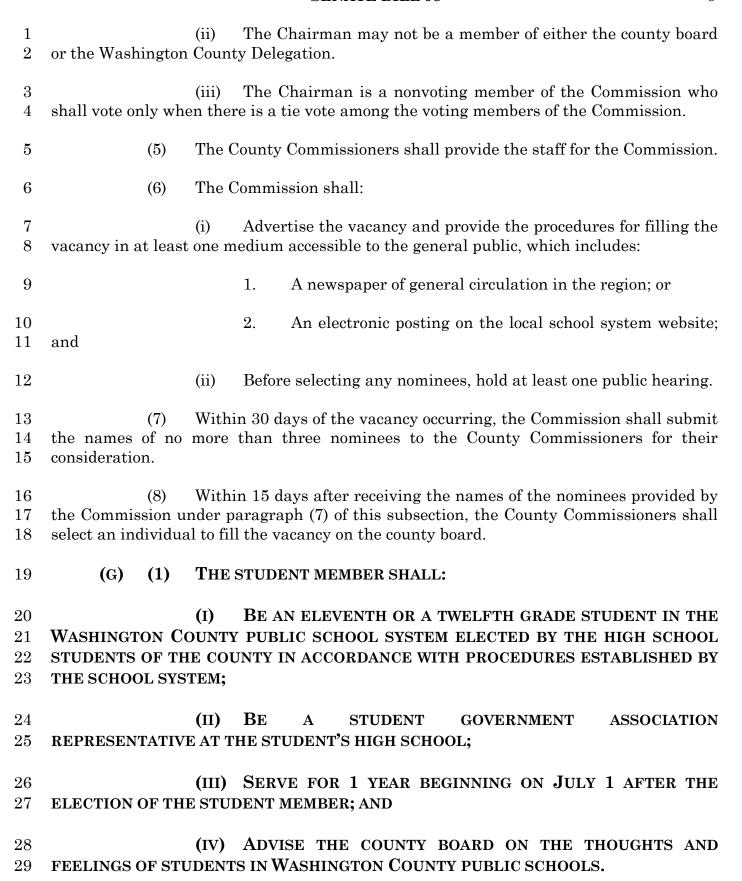
1		(i)	Shall be approved by the Howard County Board of Education;		
2 3 4	or both of the final to proceed in the el		Shall include a provision that provides for the replacement of one dates if one or both of them are unable, ineligible, or disqualified; and		
5 6	Howard County pu	(iii) blic scl	Shall allow for any student in grades 6 through 11 enrolled in a hool to vote directly for one of the two student member candidates.		
7 8	(4) The student member candidate who receives the second highest number of votes in the direct election:				
9		(i)	Shall become the alternate student member; and		
10	ineligible, or disqu	(ii) alified	Shall serve if the student member who is elected is unable, to complete the student member's term of office.		
12 13	(5) student member ha	_	at as provided in paragraphs (6) and (7) of this subsection, the same rights and privileges as an elected member.		
.4 .5 .6 .7	(6) Unless invited to attend by the affirmative vote of a majority of the county board, the student member may not attend [a closed session addressing a matter on which a student member is prohibited from voting under paragraph (7) of this subsection] AN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATING TO A MATTER ON WHICH THE STUDENT MEMBER MAY NOT VOTE.				
9	[(7)	The s	tudent member shall vote on all matters except those relating to:		
20		(i)	Geographical attendance areas under § 4–109 of this article;		
21 22	pertaining to school	(ii) ol const	Acquisition and disposition of real property and matters truction under § 4–115 of this article;		
23		(iii)	Employment of architects under § 4–117 of this article;		
24		(iv)	Donations under § 4–118 of this article;		
25		(v)	Condemnation under § 4–119 of this article;		
26 27	4–120 of this articl	(vi) e;	Consolidation of schools and transportation of students under §		
28 29	4–201 and 4–202 o	(vii) f this a	Appointment and salary of a county superintendent under §§ article;		

$\frac{1}{2}$	article;	(viii)	Employee discipline and other appeals under § 4–205(c) of this
3		(ix)	Budgetary matters under Title 5 of this article;
4		(x)	Appointment and promotion of staff under § 6–201 of this article;
5		(xi)	Discipline of certificated staff under § 6–202 of this article;
6 7	Subtitle 4 of this a	(xii) rticle;	Collective bargaining for certificated employees under Title 6,
8	6, Subtitle 5 of this		Collective bargaining for noncertificated employees under Title e; and
0		(xiv)	Student suspension and expulsion under § 7–305 of this article.]
1 12 13	(7) STUDENT MEMBE A MATTER THAT I		SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE VOTE ON ANY MATTER BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD EXCEPT ES TO:
4			1. HEARINGS HELD UNDER § 6–202 OF THIS ARTICLE;
15 16	INVOLVING PERS	ONNE	2. THE DISMISSAL OF OR OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION L; OR
17 18	THIS ARTICLE.		3. Appeals to the county board under § 4–205 of
19 20 21	MEMBERS, THE STUDENT MEMBE	COUN	ON AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTED TY BOARD MAY EXPAND THE MATTERS ON WHICH THE VOTE.
22 23 24 25		e vouc official	student member may not receive compensation but, after hers, shall be reimbursed for out—of—pocket expenses incurred in duties, in accordance with the procedures and regulations board.
26	3–1301.		
27	(a) The V	Vashin	gton County Board consists of [seven] EIGHT members.

28 (b) (1) [All seven] SEVEN members of the Washington County Board shall be VOTING MEMBERS elected from Washington County at large at a general election every 4 years beginning in 1978.



- 1 Before removing a VOTING member, the State Board shall send the (2)2 member a copy of the charges against [him] THE MEMBER and give [him] THE MEMBER an opportunity within 10 days to request a hearing. 3 4 If the **VOTING** member requests a hearing within the 10-day period: (3)The State Board promptly shall hold a hearing, but a hearing 5 6 may not be set within 10 days after the State Board sends the member a notice of the hearing; and 7 8 (ii) The member shall have an opportunity to be heard publicly 9 before the State Board in [his] THE MEMBER'S own defense, in person or by counsel. 10 A **VOTING** member removed under this subsection has the right to a de 11 novo review of the removal by the Circuit Court for Washington County. 12 In this section, "Washington County Delegation" means the Senators and Delegates in the General Assembly of Maryland who are elected to represent 13 14 Washington County or any portion of Washington County. 15 There is a Washington County School Board Nominating Commission. (2) The Commission shall consist of the following six voting members: 16 (3)17 One member appointed by the Senate members of the (i) Washington County Delegation; 18 19 (ii) One member appointed by the Delegate members of the Washington County Delegation; 2021(iii) One member appointed by the county board; and 22The following three members appointed by the County (iv) 23 Commissioners: 241. One member representing the Washington County 25business community; 262. One member representing the Washington County 27 Citizens Advisory Council; and 283. One member representing the Washington County 29 educational community.
- 30 (4) (i) The Chairman of the Commission shall be a member of the public 31 appointed by the County Commissioners.



- 1 (2) UNLESS INVITED TO ATTEND BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A
- 2 MAJORITY OF THE COUNTY BOARD, THE STUDENT MEMBER MAY NOT ATTEND AN
- 3 EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COUNTY BOARD.
- 4 3–1302.
- 5 (a) (1) The president of the county board and the other **VOTING** members are 6 entitled to receive compensation annually as set by the County Commissioners of 7 Washington County under Title 28, Subtitle 2 of the Local Government Article.
- 8 (2) Each **VOTING** member of the Washington County Board of Education 9 is entitled to health insurance and to other fringe benefits regularly provided to employees 10 of the board of education.
- 11 (b) After submitting vouchers, **VOTING** members shall be reimbursed for travel and other expenses within the limit set by the Washington County Commissioners.
- 13 (C) (1) (I) A STUDENT MEMBER WHO COMPLETES A FULL TERM ON 14 THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A SCHOLARSHIP OF \$3,500 TO BE 15 APPLIED TO THE STUDENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION COSTS.
- 16 (II) THE SCHOLARSHIP SHALL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE 17 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT THE STUDENT ATTENDS.
- 18 (III) A STUDENT MAY RECEIVE NOT MORE THAN TWO SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$3,500 EACH REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF TERMS THE 20 STUDENT SERVES AS THE STUDENT MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD.
- 21 (IV) THE SCHOLARSHIP MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED 22 COMPENSATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING TAXABLE INCOME.
- 23 (2) ON THE SUBMISSION OF EXPENSE VOUCHERS, THE STUDENT 24 MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES 25 INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES FOR THE COUNTY BOARD.
- 26 (3) THE STUDENT MEMBER IS NOT ENTITLED TO ANY COMPENSATION
 27 OR PAYMENT OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF
 28 THIS SUBSECTION FOR WORK AS THE STUDENT MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 30 1, 2025.