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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County Board of Education – Student Member – Voting**

3 **MC 7–11**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the student member of the Montgomery County Board
5 of Education to attend an executive session of the Board of Education that
6 relates to a certain matter; authorizing the student member of the Montgomery
7 County Board of Education to vote on certain matters; and generally relating to
8 the voting rights of the student member of the Montgomery County Board of
9 Education.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section 3–901(e)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Education
17 Section 6–202(a)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 3–901.

5 (e) (1) The student member shall be a bona fide resident of Montgomery
6 County and a regularly enrolled junior or senior year student from a Montgomery
7 County public high school.

8 (2) The nomination and election process shall be as agreed on by the
9 county board and the Montgomery County region of the Maryland Association of
10 Student Councils. This agreement shall include a process by which to replace one or
11 both of the final candidates if they are unable to proceed in the election. Any student
12 enrolled in a middle or high school in the Montgomery County public schools may:

13 (i) Nominate a student member candidate;

14 (ii) Vote for delegates from the student’s school, who in turn
15 vote in a nominating convention to reduce to 2 the number of candidates for student
16 board member if there are 3 or more candidates; and

17 (iii) Vote directly for 1 of the 2 remaining student board member
18 candidates.

19 (3) The candidate receiving the second highest number of votes in the
20 direct election shall become the alternate student member. The alternate shall serve if
21 the student member is unable to complete his elected term.

22 (4) Except as provided in paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) of this
23 subsection, the student member has the same rights and privileges of an elected
24 member.

25 (5) Unless invited to attend by the affirmative vote of a majority of the
26 county board, the student member may not attend an executive session that relates
27 to[:

1 (i) Hearings] **HEARINGS** held under § 6–202(a) of this article[;
2 or

3 (ii) Collective bargaining].

4 (6) As provided in paragraph (7) of this subsection, the student
5 member shall vote on all matters except those relating to[:

6 (i)] § 6–202(a) of this article[;

7 (ii) Collective bargaining;

8 (iii) Capital and operating budgets; and

9 (iv) School closings, reopenings, and boundaries].

10 (7) On a majority vote of the elected members, the board may
11 determine, on a case by case basis, whether a matter under consideration is covered by
12 the exclusionary [provisions listed] **PROVISION** in paragraph (6) of this subsection.

13 6–202.

14 (a) (1) On the recommendation of the county superintendent, a county
15 board may suspend or dismiss a teacher, principal, supervisor, assistant
16 superintendent, or other professional assistant for:

17 (i) Immorality;

18 (ii) Misconduct in office, including knowingly failing to report
19 suspected child abuse in violation of § 5–704 of the Family Law Article;

20 (iii) Insubordination;

21 (iv) Incompetency; or

22 (v) Willful neglect of duty.

1 (2) Before removing an individual, the county board shall send the
2 individual a copy of the charges against him and give him an opportunity within 10
3 days to request a hearing.

4 (3) If the individual requests a hearing within the 10–day period:

5 (i) The county board promptly shall hold a hearing, but a
6 hearing may not be set within 10 days after the county board sends the individual a
7 notice of the hearing; and

8 (ii) The individual shall have an opportunity to be heard before
9 the county board, in person or by counsel, and to bring witnesses to the hearing.

10 (4) The individual may appeal from the decision of the county board to
11 the State Board.

12 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of local law, in Baltimore City the
13 suspension and removal of assistant superintendents and higher levels shall be as
14 provided by the personnel system established by the Baltimore City Board of School
15 Commissioners under § 4–311 of this article.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 July 1, 2011.