

HOUSE BILL 86

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 **MC 7–15**

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

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 3–901(e)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Education
16 Section 6–202(a)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



Article – Education

3–901.

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

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

(i) Nominate a student member candidate;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) Collective bargaining].

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

(i) § 6–202(a) of this article[;

(ii) Collective bargaining;

(iii) Capital and operating budgets; and

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

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

5 6–202.

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

9 (i) Immorality;

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

12 (iii) Insubordination;

13 (iv) Incompetency; or

14 (v) Willful neglect of duty.

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
31 1, 2015.