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By: **Prince George’s County Delegation**

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Superintendent of Prince George’s County – Selection Process**
3 **– Alteration**

4 **PG 506–25**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the process by which the County Superintendent of the Prince
6 George’s County public school system is selected by requiring the Prince George’s
7 County Board of Education to select the County Superintendent in a certain manner;
8 and generally relating to the selection process of the County Superintendent of the
9 Prince George’s County public school system.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section 4–201.1
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 4-201.1.

2 (a) This section applies only in Prince George's County.

3 (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection [(e)] (D) of this section, the County
4 Superintendent of the Prince George's County public school system shall be[:

5 (1) Selected by the County Executive in accordance with subsection (c) of
6 this section; and

7 (2) Appointed] **SELECTED** by **A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF** the
8 county board **FROM AMONG THE CANDIDATES CONSIDERED BY THE COUNTY BOARD**
9 after agreement on contract terms negotiated by the chair of the county board.

10 [(c) (1) The County Executive shall select a County Superintendent from a list
11 of three nominees recommended by a search committee that is composed of:

12 (i) One member of the State Board, appointed by the State
13 Superintendent; and

14 (ii) Two residents of Prince George's County, appointed by the
15 Governor.

16 (2) The search committee shall be chaired by a member selected by the
17 State Superintendent.]

18 [(d)] (C) (1) The term of the County Superintendent is 4 years beginning on
19 July 1.

20 (2) The County Superintendent continues to serve until a successor is
21 [appointed and qualifies] **SELECTED**.

22 (3) By February 1 of the year in which a term ends, the County
23 Superintendent shall notify the [County Executive and the] county board if the County
24 Superintendent is a candidate for [reappointment] **ANOTHER TERM**.

25 (4) (i) In the year a term begins, [the County Executive shall select a
26 County Superintendent between February 1 and June 1, and] the county board shall

1 complete the [appointment] **SELECTION OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT** on or
2 before June 30.

3 (ii) If the [County Executive] **COUNTY BOARD** decides to select the
4 incumbent County Superintendent, the county board shall complete the [reappointment]
5 **SELECTION** no later than March 1 of that year.

6 (5) If the county board is unable to [appoint] **SELECT** a County
7 Superintendent by July 1 of the year a term begins, the provisions of subsection [(f)] **(E)** of
8 this section apply.

9 [(e) (1)] **(D)** An individual may not be [appointed] **SELECTED** as County
10 Superintendent unless the individual:

11 [(i)] Is eligible to be issued a certificate for the office by the State
12 Superintendent;

13 [(ii)] **(1)** Has graduated from an accredited college or university;
14 and

15 [(iii)] **(2)** Has completed 2 years of graduate work at an accredited
16 college or university, including public school administration, supervision, and methods of
17 teaching.

18 [(2)] The appointment of the County Superintendent is not valid unless
19 approved in writing by the State Superintendent.

20 (3) If the State Superintendent disapproves an appointment, the State
21 Superintendent shall give the reasons for disapproval in writing to the county board and
22 the County Executive.]

23 [(f)] **(E)** If a vacancy occurs in the office of County Superintendent, [the County
24 Executive shall select and] the county board shall [appoint] **SELECT** an interim County
25 Superintendent to serve until July 1 after the [appointment] **SELECTION**.

26 [(g)] **(F)** On notification of pending criminal charges against the County
27 Superintendent as provided under § 4–206 of this subtitle, the county board may suspend
28 the County Superintendent with pay until the final disposition of the criminal charges.

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

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