

HOUSE BILL 975

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

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Board of Education – Student Member Voting and**
3 **Member Candidacy**

4 **PG 506–21**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the student member of the Prince George's County Board
6 of Education to vote on all matters before the county board, with the exception of one
7 matter; repealing a prohibition on members of the county board from being
8 candidates for a public office other than a position on the county board while serving
9 on the county board; and generally relating to the Prince George's County Board of
10 Education.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Education
13 Section 3–1002(b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Education
18 Section 3–1002(g)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

21 BY repealing
22 Article – Education
23 Section 3–1002(j)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 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 MARYLAND,
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Education**

4 3–1002.

5 (b) The Prince George’s County Board consists of 14 members as follows:

6 (1) Nine elected members, each of whom resides in a different school board
7 district;

8 (2) Four appointed members; and

9 (3) One student member selected under subsection (g)(2) of this section.

10 (g) (1) The student member shall be an eleventh or twelfth grade student in
11 the Prince George’s County public school system during the student’s term in office.

12 (2) An eligible student shall file a nomination form at least 2 weeks before
13 a special election meeting of the Prince George’s Regional Association of Student
14 Governments. Nomination forms shall be made available in the administrative offices of all
15 public senior high schools in the county, the office of student concerns, and the office of the
16 president of the regional association. The delegates to the regional association annually
17 shall elect the student member to the board at a special election meeting to be held each
18 school year.

19 (3) The student member may vote on all matters before the board except
20 those relating to[:

21 (i) Capital and operating budgets;

22 (ii) School closings, reopenings, and boundaries;

23 (iii) Collective bargaining decisions;

24 (iv) Student disciplinary matters;

25 (v) Teacher] **TEACHER** and administrator disciplinary matters as
26 provided under § 6–202(a) of this article[; and

27 (vi) Other personnel matters].

28 (4) On an affirmative vote of a majority of the elected and appointed
29 members of the county board, the board may determine if a matter before the board relates
30 to a subject that the student member may not vote on under paragraph (3) of this
31 subsection.

1 (5) Unless invited to attend by an affirmative vote of a majority of the
2 elected and appointed members of the county board, the student member may not attend
3 an executive session that relates to hearings on appeals of special education placements,
4 hearings held under § 6–202(a) of this article, or collective bargaining.

5 (6) The Prince George’s Regional Association of Student Governments may
6 establish procedures for the election of the student member of the county board.

7 (7) The election procedures established by the Prince George’s Regional
8 Association of Student Governments are subject to the approval of the elected and
9 appointed members of the county board.

10 [(j) While serving on the county board, a member may not be a candidate for a
11 public office other than a position on the county board.]

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2021.