

# SENATE BILL 746

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Community Colleges – Collective Bargaining**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing collective bargaining rights for certain community college  
4 employees; establishing procedures for the election and certification of an exclusive  
5 representative of a bargaining unit; specifying a certain time frame to submit a  
6 certain petition and conduct a certain election under certain circumstances;  
7 providing procedures by which the State Higher Education Labor Relations Board  
8 may designate a bargaining unit; establishing a cap on the number of bargaining  
9 units that may be at each community college; specifying the composition of certain  
10 bargaining units that may be at each community college; prohibiting the Board from  
11 requiring that certain bargaining units conform to certain requirements under  
12 certain circumstances; requiring that certain petitions include certain showing of  
13 interest forms; providing that certain showing of interest forms are valid under  
14 certain circumstances; requiring a public employer to provide to the Board and an  
15 employee organization a certain list within a certain time period; requiring a  
16 community college to allow certain employees and employee organizations to access  
17 certain property and facilities for a certain purpose; prohibiting a community college  
18 from limiting the amount of time a public employee has access to certain property or  
19 altering or revising certain rules or regulations for a certain purpose; requiring  
20 certain collective bargaining agreements to include certain provisions; establishing  
21 procedures for providing an exclusive representative with certain new employee  
22 information and processing; establishing the matters subject to collective bargaining  
23 negotiations; establishing procedures for authorization and certification of the  
24 deduction of dues; establishing the matters subject to collective bargaining  
25 negotiations; providing for certain rights and responsibilities in connection with the  
26 collective bargaining process; authorizing certain parties to engage in mediation and  
27 fact-finding under certain circumstances and providing for fact-finding procedures;  
28 providing for the settlement of certain grievances; prohibiting certain public  
29 employees and exclusive bargaining representatives from engaging in a strike and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 providing sanctions for engaging in a strike; requiring the parties to collective  
2 bargaining negotiations to make certain efforts to conclude negotiations by a certain  
3 time; authorizing a collective bargaining agreement to include a provision for the  
4 arbitration of certain grievances; requiring that the terms of a collective bargaining  
5 agreement supersede certain regulations and policies; providing that a collective  
6 bargaining agreement may be reopened under certain circumstances; repealing  
7 certain provisions of law relating to collective bargaining rights that apply to  
8 individual community colleges; altering the scope of duty of the Board to include  
9 administering and enforcing provisions of this Act; providing for the disclosure of  
10 certain employee information; requiring that certain community colleges continue to  
11 operate under certain agreements and contracts under certain circumstances for a  
12 certain period of time; providing that the exclusive representative of a certain  
13 bargaining unit maintains certification under certain circumstances; requiring that  
14 certain community colleges be subject to certain rules and regulations under certain  
15 circumstances; requiring certain impasses to be resolved under certain procedures;  
16 stating the intent of the General Assembly that the State promote certain  
17 relationships with certain employees of the community college system in a certain  
18 manner; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations and to make a certain  
19 delegation and assignment of responsibilities and obligations; prohibiting the Board  
20 from adopting certain rules; defining certain terms; providing for the application of  
21 this Act; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to collective  
22 bargaining rights for community college employees.

23 BY repealing

24 Article – Education

25 Section 16–403, 16–412, and 16–414.1

26 Annotated Code of Maryland

27 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

28 BY adding to

29 Article – Education

30 Section 16–701 through 16–715 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Collective  
31 Bargaining”

32 Annotated Code of Maryland

33 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

34 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

35 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

36 Section 3–2A–01

37 Annotated Code of Maryland

38 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

39 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

40 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

41 Section 3–2A–05, 3–2A–07, and 3–2A–08(a)

42 Annotated Code of Maryland

43 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
2 That Section(s) 16–403, 16–412, and 16–414.1 of Article – Education of the Annotated Code  
3 of Maryland be repealed.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read  
5 as follows:

6 **Article – Education**

7 **SUBTITLE 7. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.**

8 **16–701.**

9 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
10 INDICATED.

11 (B) “AGREEMENT” MEANS A WRITTEN CONTRACT BETWEEN A PUBLIC  
12 EMPLOYER AND AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION.

13 (C) “ARBITRATION” MEANS A PROCEDURE BY WHICH PARTIES INVOLVED IN  
14 A GRIEVANCE SUBMIT THEIR DIFFERENCES TO AN IMPARTIAL THIRD PARTY FOR A  
15 FINAL AND BINDING DECISION.

16 (D) “BOARD” MEANS THE STATE HIGHER EDUCATION LABOR RELATIONS  
17 BOARD.

18 (E) “COLLECTIVE BARGAINING” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 3–101(C)  
19 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE.

20 (F) “CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEE” MEANS A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WHOSE  
21 UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO PERSONNEL, BUDGETARY, OR FISCAL DATA SUBJECT TO  
22 USE BY THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, OR WHOSE CLOSE,  
23 CONTINUING WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
24 NEGOTIATING ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER, WOULD MAKE THE  
25 EMPLOYEE’S MEMBERSHIP IN AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION AS A RANK AND FILE  
26 EMPLOYEE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE EMPLOYEE’S DUTIES.

27 (G) “EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION” MEANS A LABOR ORGANIZATION OF  
28 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES THAT HAS AS ONE OF ITS PRIMARY PURPOSES REPRESENTING  
29 THOSE EMPLOYEES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

30 (H) “EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE” MEANS AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION  
31 THAT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD AS REPRESENTING THE EMPLOYEES OF  
32 A BARGAINING UNIT.

1           **(I) “FACT-FINDING” MEANS A PROCESS CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD THAT**  
2 **INCLUDES:**

3                   **(1) THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE MAJOR ISSUES IN AN IMPASSE;**

4                   **(2) THE REVIEW OF THE POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES; AND**

5                   **(3) A RESOLUTION OF FACTUAL DIFFERENCES BY AN IMPARTIAL**  
6 **INDIVIDUAL OR PANEL.**

7           **(J) (1) “FACULTY” MEANS EMPLOYEES WHOSE ASSIGNMENTS INVOLVE**  
8 **ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING TEACHERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS.**

9                   **(2) “FACULTY” DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFICERS, SUPERVISORY**  
10 **EMPLOYEES, CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES, PART-TIME FACULTY, OR STUDENT**  
11 **ASSISTANTS.**

12           **(K) “GRIEVANCE” MEANS A DISPUTE CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OR**  
13 **INTERPRETATION OF THE TERMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.**

14           **(L) “IMPASSE” MEANS A FAILURE BY A PUBLIC EMPLOYER AND AN**  
15 **EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT IN THE COURSE OF**  
16 **NEGOTIATIONS.**

17           **(M) “OFFICER” MEANS THE PRESIDENT, A VICE PRESIDENT, A DEAN, OR ANY**  
18 **OTHER SIMILAR OFFICIAL OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS APPOINTED BY THE**  
19 **BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES.**

20           **(N) “PART-TIME FACULTY” MEANS EMPLOYEES WHOSE ASSIGNMENTS**  
21 **INVOLVE ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING TEACHERS, COUNSELORS, AND**  
22 **DEPARTMENT HEADS, WHO ARE DESIGNATED WITH PART-TIME FACULTY STATUS BY**  
23 **THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.**

24           **(O) (1) “PUBLIC EMPLOYEE” MEANS AN EMPLOYEE EMPLOYED BY A**  
25 **PUBLIC EMPLOYER.**

26                   **(2) “PUBLIC EMPLOYEE” INCLUDES FACULTY AND PART-TIME**  
27 **FACULTY AT THE BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE.**

28                   **(3) “PUBLIC EMPLOYEE” DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

29                           **(I) OFFICERS;**

1 (II) SUPERVISORY OR CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES; OR

2 (III) STUDENT ASSISTANTS.

3 (P) (1) "PUBLIC EMPLOYER" MEANS THE BOARD OF COMMUNITY  
4 COLLEGE TRUSTEES FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

5 (2) "PUBLIC EMPLOYER" INCLUDES THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
6 BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR FACULTY AND PART-TIME FACULTY.

7 (Q) (1) "SHOWING OF INTEREST FORM" MEANS A WRITTEN STATEMENT  
8 FROM A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WHO WISHES TO BE REPRESENTED BY A PETITIONING  
9 EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

10 (2) "SHOWING OF INTEREST FORM" INCLUDES A:

11 (I) A UNION AUTHORIZATION CARD; AND

12 (II) A UNION MEMBERSHIP CARD.

13 (R) "STRIKE" MEANS, IN CONCERTED ACTION WITH OTHERS FOR THE  
14 PURPOSE OF INDUCING, INFLUENCING, OR COERCING A CHANGE IN THE WAGES,  
15 HOURS, OR OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, A PUBLIC  
16 EMPLOYEE'S:

17 (1) REFUSAL TO REPORT FOR DUTY;

18 (2) WILLFUL ABSENCE FROM THE POSITION;

19 (3) STOPPAGE OF WORK; OR

20 (4) ABSTINENCE IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM THE PROPER  
21 PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF EMPLOYMENT.

22 (S) "SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEE" MEANS A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WHO HAS  
23 FULL-TIME AND EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYER  
24 TO:

25 (1) HIRE, TRANSFER, SUSPEND, LAY OFF, RECALL, PROMOTE,  
26 DISCHARGE, ASSIGN, REWARD, OR DISCIPLINE OTHER EMPLOYEES; OR

27 (2) ADJUST EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCES.

28 16-702.

1           **IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE STATE PROMOTE**  
2 **HARMONIOUS AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**  
3 **OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BY ENCOURAGING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**  
4 **PRACTICES, PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO ASSOCIATE,**  
5 **ORGANIZE, AND VOTE FOR THEIR OWN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVES, AND**  
6 **RECOGNIZING THE DIGNITY OF LABOR FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMUNITY**  
7 **COLLEGE SYSTEM.**

8 **16-703.**

9           **(A) THE BOARD SHALL CONDUCT AN ELECTION FOR AN EXCLUSIVE**  
10 **REPRESENTATIVE OF A BARGAINING UNIT IF:**

11                 **(1) A VALID PETITION IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**  
12 **16-704 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

13                 **(2) THE BARGAINING UNIT INVOLVED IN THE PETITION IS**  
14 **DETERMINED TO BE AN APPROPRIATE BARGAINING UNIT UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B)**  
15 **AND (C) OF THIS SECTION.**

16           **(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE BOARD SHALL**  
17 **DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATENESS OF EACH BARGAINING UNIT.**

18                 **(2) IF THERE IS NOT A DISPUTE ABOUT THE APPROPRIATENESS OF**  
19 **THE BARGAINING UNIT, THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER DEFINING AN**  
20 **APPROPRIATE BARGAINING UNIT.**

21                 **(3) IF THERE IS A DISPUTE ABOUT THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE**  
22 **BARGAINING UNIT, THE BOARD SHALL:**

23                         **(I) CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING, RECEIVING WRITTEN AND**  
24 **ORAL TESTIMONY; AND**

25                         **(II) ISSUE AN ORDER DEFINING THE APPROPRIATE**  
26 **BARGAINING UNIT.**

27           **(C) THERE MAY BE NO MORE THAN SIX BARGAINING UNITS AT EACH**  
28 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE INCLUDING:**

29                 **(1) ONE UNIT RESERVED FOR FULL-TIME FACULTY;**

30                 **(2) ONE UNIT RESERVED FOR PART-TIME FACULTY;**

1           **(3) ONE UNIT RESERVED FOR THE REMAINING ELIGIBLE EXEMPT**  
2 **EMPLOYEES, AS DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT;**

3           **(4) TWO UNITS RESERVED FOR ELIGIBLE NONEXEMPT EMPLOYEES,**  
4 **AS DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT; AND**

5           **(5) ONE UNIT RESERVED FOR SWORN POLICE OFFICERS.**

6           **(D) THE BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE THE BARGAINING UNITS AT A**  
7 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IF**  
8 **THE BARGAINING UNITS WERE IN EXISTENCE BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2021.**

9 **16-704.**

10           **(A) AFTER RECEIVING A PETITION FOR AN ELECTION FOR AN EXCLUSIVE**  
11 **REPRESENTATIVE, THE BOARD SHALL INVESTIGATE THE PETITION FOR PURPOSES**  
12 **OF VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION.**

13           **(B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A PETITION FOR AN**  
14 **ELECTION MAY BE SUBMITTED BY:**

15           **(1) AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT AT**  
16 **LEAST 30% OF THE EMPLOYEES IN A BARGAINING UNIT WISH TO BE REPRESENTED**  
17 **FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE; OR**

18           **(2) A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, A GROUP OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, OR AN**  
19 **EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT AT LEAST 30% OF THE**  
20 **EMPLOYEES ASSERT THAT THE EXISTING DESIGNATED EXCLUSIVE**  
21 **REPRESENTATIVE IS NO LONGER THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MAJORITY OF**  
22 **EMPLOYEES IN THE BARGAINING UNIT.**

23           **(C) (1) A PETITION SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION**  
24 **SHALL INCLUDE SHOWING OF INTEREST FORMS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD FROM AN**  
25 **EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION.**

26           **(2) A SHOWING OF INTEREST FORM SHALL BE ACCEPTED BY THE**  
27 **BOARD IF THE FORM INCLUDES ELECTRONIC OR HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURES.**

28           **(3) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**  
29 **PARAGRAPH, A SHOWING OF INTEREST FORM IS VALID IF THE SIGNATURES WERE**  
30 **COLLECTED WITHIN THE 18-MONTH PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE**  
31 **ON WHICH A PETITION FOR AN ELECTION IS FILED.**

32           **(II) FOR AN ELECTION THAT IS CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE**

1 THAT AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE NO LONGER REPRESENTS A UNIT, A  
2 SHOWING OF INTEREST FORM IS VALID IF THE SIGNATURES WERE COLLECTED  
3 WITHIN THE 90-DAY PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE ON WHICH A  
4 PETITION FOR ELECTION IS FILED.

5 (4) A SHOWING OF INTEREST FORM MAY BE USED BY A PUBLIC  
6 EMPLOYEE FOR MORE THAN ONE PUBLIC EMPLOYER AS LONG AS THE PUBLIC  
7 EMPLOYEE WORKS FOR THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER.

8 (D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PUBLIC  
9 EMPLOYER SHALL PROVIDE TO THE BOARD AND AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION AN  
10 ALPHABETICAL LIST OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN EACH BARGAINING UNIT WITHIN 2  
11 DAYS AFTER A PETITION FOR AN ELECTION IS FILED.

12 (2) THE LIST REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF  
13 THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

14 (I) INCLUDE FOR EACH PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ON THE PAYROLL  
15 FOR THE LAST PAY PERIOD BEFORE A PETITION FOR ELECTION IS FILED, THE  
16 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S:

17 A. NAME;

18 B. POSITION CLASSIFICATION;

19 C. HOME AND WORK SITE ADDRESSES WHERE THE  
20 EMPLOYEE RECEIVES INTEROFFICE OR UNITED STATES MAIL;

21 D. HOME AND WORK SITE TELEPHONE NUMBERS;

22 E. PERSONAL CELL PHONE NUMBER; AND

23 F. WORK E-MAIL ADDRESS; AND

24 (II) IDENTIFY EACH PUBLIC EMPLOYEE THAT SHOULD BE  
25 EXCLUDED AS AN ELIGIBLE VOTER WITH A STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE REASON  
26 FOR THE EXCLUSION.

27 (3) A PUBLIC EMPLOYER MAY NOT CHALLENGE THE ELIGIBILITY OF  
28 A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S VOTE IN AN ELECTION IF THE EMPLOYER FAILS TO EXPLAIN  
29 THE REASON FOR EXCLUDING A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

30 (4) NAMES OR LISTS OF EMPLOYEES PROVIDED TO THE BOARD IN



1 CONNECTION WITH AN ELECTION UNDER THIS SECTION ARE NOT SUBJECT TO  
2 DISCLOSURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT.

3 (E) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD  
4 SHALL:

5 (I) PROMPTLY DETERMINE THE ADEQUACY OF THE SHOWING  
6 OF INTEREST BY COMPARING SHOWING OF INTEREST FORMS TO THE ELIGIBILITY  
7 LIST PROVIDED BY A PUBLIC EMPLOYER UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION;  
8 AND

9 (II) PROVIDE NOTICE TO AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION OF THE  
10 DETERMINATION.

11 (2) IF THE BOARD DETERMINES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS  
12 SUBSECTION THAT A REQUIRED SHOWING OF INTEREST IS NOT ADEQUATE, THE  
13 BOARD:

14 (I) SHALL ALLOW AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION TO SUBMIT  
15 ADDITIONAL SHOWING OF INTEREST FORMS WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE EMPLOYEE  
16 ORGANIZATION IS NOTIFIED OF THE DETERMINATION; AND

17 (II) MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME TO AN EMPLOYEE  
18 ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FORMS FOR GOOD CAUSE.

19 16-705.

20 (A) (1) AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION MAY BE CERTIFIED AS AN  
21 EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE ONLY AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

22 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (J) OF THIS SECTION, ON  
23 OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2021, AN ELECTION OR A RECOGNITION OF AN EXCLUSIVE  
24 REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD FOR EACH BARGAINING  
25 UNIT AFTER THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 16-704 OF THIS SUBTITLE HAVE BEEN MET  
26 BY THAT BARGAINING UNIT.

27 (3) THE BOARD MAY USE A THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR TO RECEIVE  
28 AND COUNT BALLOTS FOR AN ELECTION UNDER THIS SECTION.

29 (B) FOR EACH ELECTION, THE BOARD SHALL PLACE ON THE BALLOT:

30 (1) THE NAME OR NAMES OF THE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION  
31 SUBMITTING THE VALID PETITION;

1           **(2) THE NAME OF ANY OTHER EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION**  
2 **DESIGNATED IN A VALID PETITION SIGNED BY MORE THAN 10% OF THE EMPLOYEES**  
3 **IN THE APPROPRIATE BARGAINING UNIT; AND**

4           **(3) A PROVISION FOR “NO REPRESENTATION”.**

5           **(C) (1) IN ANY ELECTION IN WHICH NONE OF THE CHOICES ON THE**  
6 **BALLOT RECEIVES A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST, A RUNOFF ELECTION SHALL BE**  
7 **CONDUCTED, WITH THE BALLOT PROVIDING FOR A SELECTION BETWEEN THE TWO**  
8 **CHOICES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST IN THE ELECTION.**

9           **(2) AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION RECEIVING A MAJORITY OF VOTES**  
10 **CAST IN AN ELECTION SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD AS THE EXCLUSIVE**  
11 **REPRESENTATIVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PURPOSES.**

12           **(D) (1) WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER AN ELECTION IS ORDERED, A PUBLIC**  
13 **EMPLOYER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE BOARD AND AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION AN**  
14 **UPDATED ALPHABETICAL LIST OF ELIGIBLE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WHO MAY VOTE IN**  
15 **THE ELECTION.**

16           **(2) THE LIST REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF**  
17 **THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE SAME INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER §**  
18 **16-704 FOR EACH ELIGIBLE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.**

19           **(E) A PUBLIC EMPLOYER, ITS OFFICERS, AND AN AGENT OF THE EMPLOYER**  
20 **MAY NOT SPEND PUBLIC MONEY, USE PUBLIC RESOURCES, OR PROVIDE ASSISTANCE**  
21 **TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR A GROUP FOR A NEGATIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE**  
22 **ORGANIZATION.**

23           **(F) (1) WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER A VALID ELECTION HAS BEEN DETERMINED**  
24 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, A PUBLIC EMPLOYER SHALL ALLOW**  
25 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS TO ACCESS THE EMPLOYER’S**  
26 **PROPERTY AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING GROUNDS, ROOMS, BULLETIN BOARDS,**  
27 **CAMPUS MAIL, AND OTHER COMMON AREAS FOR CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES FOR THE**  
28 **ELECTION.**

29           **(2) THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER MAY NOT:**

30           **(I) LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF TIME A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HAS**  
31 **ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER’S PROPERTY AND FACILITIES DURING AN**  
32 **ELECTION UNDER THIS SECTION; OR**

33           **(II) ALTER OR REVISE EXISTING RULES OR REGULATIONS TO**  
34 **UNFAIRLY LIMIT OR PROHIBIT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OR EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS**

1 FROM COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

2 (3) THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO ALLOW CAMPAIGN  
3 ACTIVITIES TO INTERFERE WITH A PUBLIC EMPLOYER'S OPERATIONS.

4 (G) (1) THE BOARD SHALL CONDUCT THE ELECTION:

5 (I) BY SECRET BALLOT; AND

6 (II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IN  
7 WHOLE OR IN PART BY IN-PERSON VOTING, MAIL, OR AN ELECTRONIC VOTING  
8 SYSTEM.

9 (2) THE BOARD MAY DESIGNATE THE TIME PERIOD FOR IN-PERSON  
10 VOTING UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION ONLY AFTER CONSULTING  
11 WITH THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS ON THE BALLOT.

12 (3) (I) THE BOARD SHALL ALLOW AT LEAST 10 DAYS OF VOTING  
13 FOR AN ELECTION CONDUCTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION,  
14 UNLESS AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION ON THE BALLOT REQUESTS AN EXTENSION.

15 (II) THE BOARD MAY EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FOR VOTING  
16 DUE TO INOPERABLE VOTING SYSTEMS.

17 (H) (1) AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION ON A BALLOT MAY REQUEST A  
18 PREFERRED METHOD OF VOTING AT THE TIME A PETITION FOR ELECTION IS FILED  
19 WITH THE BOARD.

20 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,  
21 THE BOARD SHALL DESIGNATE THE METHOD OF VOTING BASED ON THE REQUESTS  
22 OF THE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS ON THE BALLOT.

23 (3) IF THERE IS A DISPUTE BETWEEN TWO OR MORE EMPLOYEE  
24 ORGANIZATIONS ON THE BALLOT OVER THE METHOD OF VOTING, THE BOARD MAY  
25 DESIGNATE THE METHOD OF VOTING.

26 (I) (1) THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE OF EACH ELECTION THAT  
27 DESCRIBES THE METHOD OF VOTING TO EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS ON THE  
28 BALLOT AND TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER.

29 (2) THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER SHALL MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE  
30 NOTICE OF EACH ELECTION TO ALL ELIGIBLE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WITHIN 1 DAY  
31 AFTER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER RECEIVES NOTICE OF THE ELECTION FROM THE

1 **BOARD.**

2           **(3) THE BOARD SHALL ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IN**  
3 **USING AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF VOTING TO CAST A BALLOT IF THE PUBLIC**  
4 **EMPLOYEE PROMPTLY INFORMS THE BOARD OF THE INABILITY TO CAST A BALLOT**  
5 **USING THE DESIGNATED METHOD OF VOTING.**

6           **(J) THE BOARD SHALL DESIGNATE AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION AS THE**  
7 **EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE ONLY IF:**

8           **(1) ONE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION SEEKS CERTIFICATION AS THE**  
9 **EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE;**

10           **(2) THERE IS NO INCUMBENT EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE;**

11           **(3) THE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION HAS NOT REQUESTED AN**  
12 **ELECTION; AND**

13           **(4) THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT MORE THAN 50% OF THE PUBLIC**  
14 **EMPLOYEES IN THE BARGAINING UNIT SUPPORT THE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION**  
15 **THROUGH COMPARING SHOWING OF INTEREST FORMS WITH A PUBLIC EMPLOYER'S**  
16 **PROVIDED LIST OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN THE BARGAINING UNIT.**

17           **(K) THE ELECTION OF AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE MAY NOT BE**  
18 **CONDUCTED IN ANY BARGAINING UNIT IN WHICH:**

19           **(1) AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN CERTIFIED WITHIN**  
20 **THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 24 MONTHS; OR**

21           **(2) A VALID ELECTION HAS BEEN HELD WITHIN THE IMMEDIATELY**  
22 **PRECEDING 12 MONTHS IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE WAS**  
23 **CERTIFIED.**

24           **(L) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**  
25 **EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF A BARGAINING UNIT THAT OPERATED UNDER A**  
26 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT OR CONTRACT BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2021,**  
27 **MAINTAINS CERTIFICATION AFTER THE AGREEMENT OR CONTRACT EXPIRES.**

28           **(2) IF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT OR CONTRACT IS IN**  
29 **EFFECT, A VALID PETITION FOR AN ELECTION UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE**  
30 **SUBMITTED AND AN ELECTION CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTION ONLY IF THE**  
31 **PETITION IS SUBMITTED AT LEAST 90 DAYS, BUT NOT MORE THAN 120 DAYS, BEFORE**  
32 **THE EXPIRATION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT OR CONTRACT.**

1 **16-706.**

2 (A) A PUBLIC EMPLOYER SHALL EXTEND TO AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION  
3 CERTIFIED AS THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE THE RIGHT TO REPRESENT THE  
4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OF THE BARGAINING UNIT INVOLVED IN COLLECTIVE  
5 BARGAINING AND IN THE SETTLEMENT OF GRIEVANCES.

6 (B) AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION CERTIFIED AS THE EXCLUSIVE  
7 REPRESENTATIVE FOR A BARGAINING UNIT SHALL:

8 (1) SERVE AS THE BARGAINING AGENT FOR ALL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
9 IN A BARGAINING UNIT; AND

10 (2) REPRESENT FAIRLY AND WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION EACH  
11 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IN THE BARGAINING UNIT WITHOUT REGARD TO WHETHER THE  
12 EMPLOYEE IS A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION.

13 **16-707.**

14 (A) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, WITHIN 10  
15 DAYS AFTER A NEW EMPLOYEE'S DATE OF HIRE, FOR EACH NEW PUBLIC EMPLOYEE  
16 IN THE BARGAINING UNIT REPRESENTED BY THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE, THE  
17 PUBLIC EMPLOYER SHALL PROVIDE THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE WITH THE  
18 INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER § 16-704 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

19 (2) A PUBLIC EMPLOYER SHALL PROVIDE THE EXCLUSIVE  
20 REPRESENTATIVE WITH THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF  
21 THIS SUBSECTION IN A SEARCHABLE AND ANALYZABLE ELECTRONIC FORMAT.

22 (B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS  
23 SUBSECTION, AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE SHALL CONSIDER THE  
24 INFORMATION THAT IT RECEIVES UNDER THIS SECTION AS CONFIDENTIAL AND MAY  
25 NOT DISCLOSE THE INFORMATION TO ANY PERSON.

26 (2) AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE MAY AUTHORIZE THIRD-PARTY  
27 CONTRACTORS TO USE THE INFORMATION THAT IT RECEIVES UNDER THIS SECTION,  
28 AS DIRECTED BY THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE, TO CARRY OUT THE EXCLUSIVE  
29 REPRESENTATIVE'S STATUTORY DUTIES UNDER THIS TITLE.

30 (3) AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE OR AN AUTHORIZED  
31 THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR MAY USE THE INFORMATION THAT IT RECEIVES UNDER  
32 THIS SECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING OR INCREASING EMPLOYEE  
33 MEMBERSHIP IN AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION.

1           **(4) ON WRITTEN REQUEST OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, AN EXCLUSIVE**  
2 **REPRESENTATIVE SHALL WITHHOLD FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH A PUBLIC**  
3 **EMPLOYEE UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LAW OR THE WRITTEN REQUEST IS**  
4 **REVOKED BY THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.**

5           **(C) (1) (I) A PUBLIC EMPLOYER SHALL PROVIDE THE EXCLUSIVE**  
6 **REPRESENTATIVE WITH THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**  
7 **SECTION FOR EACH PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IN THE BARGAINING UNIT REPRESENTED BY**  
8 **THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE ONCE EVERY 90 DAYS.**

9           **(II) SUBJECT TO § 16-709 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PUBLIC**  
10 **EMPLOYER MAY NEGOTIATE WITH THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE TO PROVIDE**  
11 **THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MORE FREQUENTLY THAN**  
12 **ONCE EVERY 90 DAYS.**

13           **(2) A PUBLIC EMPLOYER SHALL PROVIDE THE EXCLUSIVE**  
14 **REPRESENTATIVE WITH THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**  
15 **SECTION REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE NEWLY HIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WAS**  
16 **PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED BY THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER.**

17 **16-708.**

18           **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “NEW EMPLOYEE PROCESSING” MEANS THE PROCESS**  
19 **FOR A NEWLY HIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, WHETHER IN-PERSON, ONLINE, OR**  
20 **THROUGH OTHER MEANS, IN WHICH NEW PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ARE ADVISED OF**  
21 **THEIR EMPLOYMENT STATUS, RIGHTS, BENEFITS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND**  
22 **OTHER EMPLOYMENT-RELATED MATTERS.**

23           **(B) (1) (I) A PUBLIC EMPLOYER SHALL PROVIDE THE EXCLUSIVE**  
24 **REPRESENTATIVE ACCESS TO NEW EMPLOYEE PROCESSING.**

25           **(II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS**  
26 **PARAGRAPH, A PUBLIC EMPLOYER SHALL PROVIDE THE EXCLUSIVE**  
27 **REPRESENTATIVE AT LEAST 10 DAYS’ NOTICE IN ADVANCE OF A NEW EMPLOYEE**  
28 **PROCESSING.**

29           **(III) A PUBLIC EMPLOYER MAY PROVIDE THE EXCLUSIVE**  
30 **REPRESENTATIVE WITH LESS THAN 10 DAYS’ NOTICE IF THERE IS AN URGENT NEED**  
31 **CRITICAL TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER’S NEW EMPLOYEE PROCESSING THAT WAS NOT**  
32 **REASONABLY FORESEEABLE.**

33           **(2) (I) THE STRUCTURE, TIME, AND MANNER OF THE ACCESS**  
34 **REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE DETERMINED**

1 THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER AND THE EXCLUSIVE  
2 REPRESENTATIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 16-709 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

3 (II) WHEN NEGOTIATING ACCESS TO NEW EMPLOYEE  
4 PROCESSING UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF ANY DISPUTE HAS  
5 NOT BEEN RESOLVED WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PUBLIC  
6 EMPLOYER AND THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE, OR WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER AN  
7 INITIAL REQUEST TO NEGOTIATE, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, EITHER PARTY MAY  
8 REQUEST THAT THE BOARD DECLARE AN IMPASSE UNDER § 16-711 OF THIS  
9 SUBTITLE.

10 (III) IN AN IMPASSE PROCEEDING UNDER § 16-711 OF THIS  
11 SUBTITLE, THE MEDIATOR OR BOARD SHALL CONSIDER:

12 1. THE ABILITY OF THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE  
13 TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IT REPRESENTS;

14 2. THE LEGAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE EXCLUSIVE  
15 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES;

16 3. APPLICABLE STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL LAWS;

17 4. ANY STIPULATIONS OF THE PARTIES;

18 5. THE INTERESTS AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC  
19 EMPLOYEES AND THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER;

20 6. THE STRUCTURE, TIME, AND MANNER OF ACCESS OF  
21 AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE TO NEW EMPLOYEE PROCESSING IN COMPARABLE  
22 PUBLIC EMPLOYERS, INCLUDING THE ACCESS PROVISIONS IN OTHER MEMORANDA  
23 OF UNDERSTANDING OR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS; AND

24 7. ANY OTHER FACTS ROUTINELY CONSIDERED IN  
25 ESTABLISHING THE STRUCTURE, TIME, AND MANNER OF ACCESS OF AN EXCLUSIVE  
26 REPRESENTATIVE TO NEW EMPLOYEE PROCESSING.

27 (3) (I) A REQUEST TO NEGOTIATE UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
28 SUBSECTION MADE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 2021, AND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF AN  
29 EXISTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES SHALL  
30 REOPEN THE EXISTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT ONLY FOR THE  
31 PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING THE ACCESS OF THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE TO  
32 THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER'S NEW EMPLOYEE PROCESSING.

1           **(II) EITHER PARTY MAY ELECT TO NEGOTIATE A SEPARATE**  
2 **AGREEMENT ON THE ACCESS OF THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PUBLIC**  
3 **EMPLOYER'S NEW EMPLOYEE PROCESSING IN LIEU OF REOPENING THE EXISTING**  
4 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.**

5           **(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A PUBLIC EMPLOYER AND AN**  
6 **EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE FROM NEGOTIATING ACCESS TO NEW EMPLOYEE**  
7 **PROCESSING THAT VARIES FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

8 **16-709.**

9           **(A) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SHALL INCLUDE ALL MATTERS RELATING TO:**

10           **(1) WAGES, HOURS, AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF**  
11 **EMPLOYMENT; AND**

12           **(2) THE PROCEDURES FOR THE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION TO**  
13 **RECEIVE MEMBERSHIP DUES THROUGH PAYROLL DEDUCTION.**

14           **(B) IN THE COURSE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER**  
15 **AND THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE SHALL:**

16           **(1) MEET AT REASONABLE TIMES; AND**

17           **(2) MAKE EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT TO CONCLUDE**  
18 **NEGOTIATIONS WITH A FINAL WRITTEN AGREEMENT IN A TIMELY MANNER BEFORE**  
19 **THE BUDGET SUBMISSION DATE OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER.**

20           **(C) AN AGREEMENT MAY INCLUDE A PROVISION FOR THE ARBITRATION OF**  
21 **GRIEVANCES ARISING UNDER THE AGREEMENT.**

22           **(D) (1) AN AGREEMENT MAY NOT INCLUDE MATTERS RELATING TO THE**  
23 **EMPLOYEES' OR TEACHERS' RETIREMENT OR PENSION SYSTEMS OTHERWISE**  
24 **COVERED BY THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.**

25           **(2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A**  
26 **DISCUSSION OF THE TERMS OF THE RETIREMENT OR PENSION SYSTEMS IN THE**  
27 **COURSE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.**

28           **(E) THE TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT SHALL SUPERSEDE ANY CONFLICTING**  
29 **REGULATIONS OR ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER.**

30           **(F) (1) A REQUEST FOR FUNDS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AN**  
31 **AGREEMENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER IN A TIMELY FASHION**



1 FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE BUDGET PROCESS OF THE COUNTY.

2 (2) NOT LATER THAN 20 DAYS AFTER FINAL BUDGET ACTION BY THE  
3 GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY, IF A REQUEST FOR FUNDS NECESSARY TO  
4 IMPLEMENT AN AGREEMENT IS REDUCED, MODIFIED, OR REJECTED BY THE  
5 GOVERNING BODY, EITHER PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT MAY REOPEN THE  
6 AGREEMENT.

7 16-710.

8 (A) AN AGREEMENT SHALL INCLUDE A PROVISION FOR THE DEDUCTION  
9 FROM THE PAYCHECK OF EACH PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IN A BARGAINING UNIT OF ANY  
10 MEMBERSHIP DUES AUTHORIZED AND OWED BY THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE TO THE  
11 EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE.

12 (B) (1) A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MAY AUTHORIZE A DEDUCTION UNDER THIS  
13 SECTION BY NOTIFYING THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE.

14 (2) THE NOTICE MAY BE A HANDWRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC  
15 STATEMENT.

16 (3) A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MAY MAKE A REQUEST TO THE EXCLUSIVE  
17 REPRESENTATIVE TO CANCEL OR CHANGE A DEDUCTION UNDER THIS SECTION.

18 (C) AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE SHALL:

19 (1) COLLECT AND MAINTAIN THE NOTICES UNDER SUBSECTION (B)  
20 OF THIS SECTION;

21 (2) CERTIFY TO A PUBLIC EMPLOYER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WHO  
22 HAVE AUTHORIZED DEDUCTIONS UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

23 (3) INDEMNIFY A PUBLIC EMPLOYER FROM ANY CLAIMS MADE BY A  
24 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MADE IN RELIANCE ON THE CERTIFICATION UNDER THIS  
25 SECTION.

26 (D) AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE  
27 COPIES OF AUTHORIZATION NOTICES UNLESS A DISPUTE ARISES IN CONNECTION  
28 WITH THE VALIDITY OF AN AUTHORIZATION.

29 (E) A PUBLIC EMPLOYER SHALL:

30 (1) RELY ON AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE'S CERTIFICATION OF

1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE AUTHORIZED DEDUCTIONS;

2 (2) DIRECT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO THE EXCLUSIVE  
3 REPRESENTATIVE TO CANCEL OR CHANGE A DEDUCTION; AND

4 (3) SUBMIT A DISPUTE ARISING BETWEEN A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE AND  
5 AN EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE TO BE RESOLVED UNDER UNFAIR LABOR  
6 PRACTICE PROCEEDINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE.

7 16-711.

8 (A) IF IN THE COURSE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING A PARTY DETERMINES  
9 THAT AN IMPASSE EXISTS, THAT PARTY MAY REQUEST THE SERVICES OF THE BOARD  
10 IN MEDIATION OR ENGAGE ANOTHER MUTUALLY AGREEABLE MEDIATOR.

11 (B) (1) BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES MAY ENGAGE IN  
12 MEDIATION.

13 (2) (I) IF THERE IS NOT MUTUAL AGREEMENT, EITHER PARTY MAY  
14 PETITION THE BOARD TO INITIATE FACT-FINDING.

15 (II) 1. AFTER CONSIDERING THE STATUS OF BARGAINING  
16 AND THE BUDGET SCHEDULE OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER, THE BOARD MAY FIND  
17 THAT AN IMPASSE EXISTS AND MAY NOTIFY THE PARTIES THAT FACT-FINDING IS TO  
18 BE INITIATED.

19 2. A PUBLIC EMPLOYER AND THE EXCLUSIVE  
20 REPRESENTATIVE MAY SELECT THEIR OWN FACT FINDER.

21 3. A. IF THE PARTIES HAVE NOT SELECTED THEIR  
22 OWN FACT FINDER WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER THE REQUIRED NOTIFICATION, THE  
23 BOARD SHALL SUBMIT TO THE PARTIES THE NAMES OF FIVE QUALIFIED  
24 INDIVIDUALS.

25 B. EACH PARTY ALTERNATELY SHALL STRIKE TWO  
26 NAMES FROM THE LIST WITH THE REMAINING INDIVIDUAL BEING THE FACT FINDER.

27 4. THE FACT FINDER SELECTED BY THE PARTIES SHALL  
28 CONDUCT HEARINGS AND MAY ADMINISTER OATHS.

29 5. THE FACT FINDER SHALL MAKE WRITTEN FINDINGS  
30 OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESOLUTION OF THE IMPASSE.

31 6. NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF

1 APPOINTMENT, THE FACT FINDER SHALL TRANSMIT THE FINDINGS TO THE PUBLIC  
2 EMPLOYER, THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE, AND THE BOARD.

3 7. IF THE IMPASSE CONTINUES 10 DAYS AFTER THE  
4 REPORT IS SUBMITTED TO THE PARTIES, ANY UNRESOLVED NONECONOMIC  
5 LANGUAGE ITEMS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO FACT-FINDING SHALL BE REFERRED TO  
6 THE BOARD.

7 (C) THE PARTIES SHALL BEAR EQUALLY THE COSTS OF FACT-FINDING.

8 (D) THE BOARD, ON RECEIPT OF THE REPORT AND CERTIFICATION OF  
9 UNRESOLVED NONECONOMIC LANGUAGE ITEMS, SHALL PROVIDE THE PARTIES  
10 WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL POSITION STATEMENTS AND ISSUE  
11 A WRITTEN DECISION ADOPTING:

12 (1) THE FINAL PROPOSAL OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER;

13 (2) THE FINAL PROPOSAL OF THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE; OR

14 (3) THE FACT FINDER'S FINAL OFFER OR RESOLUTION.

15 (E) THE BOARD'S WRITTEN DECISION IS FINAL AND BINDING ON THE  
16 PUBLIC EMPLOYER AND THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE.

17 16-712.

18 (A) A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MAY NOT ENGAGE IN A STRIKE.

19 (B) A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MAY NOT RECEIVE PAY OR COMPENSATION FROM  
20 THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER FOR ANY PERIOD DURING WHICH THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IS  
21 ENGAGED IN A STRIKE.

22 (C) IF A STRIKE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OCCURS, A COURT OF COMPETENT  
23 JURISDICTION MAY ENJOIN THE STRIKE AT THE REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC  
24 EMPLOYER.

25 (D) (1) IF AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION CERTIFIED AS AN EXCLUSIVE  
26 REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGES IN A STRIKE, THE BOARD SHALL REVOKE THE  
27 ORGANIZATION'S CERTIFICATION AS THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE.

28 (2) AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION THAT ENGAGES IN A STRIKE AND  
29 HAS ITS CERTIFICATION REVOKED SHALL BE INELIGIBLE TO BE CERTIFIED AS AN  
30 EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE FOR A PERIOD OF 1 YEAR FOLLOWING THE END OF  
31 THE STRIKE.

1 **16-713.**

2 (A) **A PUBLIC EMPLOYER HAS THE RIGHT TO:**

3 (1) **DETERMINE HOW THE STATUTORY MANDATE AND GOALS OF THE**  
4 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE, INCLUDING THE FUNCTIONS AND PROGRAMS OF THE**  
5 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ITS OVERALL BUDGET, AND ITS ORGANIZATIONAL**  
6 **STRUCTURE, ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT; AND**

7 (2) **DIRECT COLLEGE PERSONNEL.**

8 (B) **A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HAS THE RIGHT TO:**

9 (1) **ORGANIZE;**

10 (2) **FORM, JOIN, OR ASSIST ANY EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION;**

11 (3) **BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY THROUGH AN EXCLUSIVE**  
12 **REPRESENTATIVE;**

13 (4) **ENGAGE IN OTHER LAWFUL CONCERTED ACTIVITY FOR THE**  
14 **PURPOSE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING; AND**

15 (5) **REFRAIN FROM ENGAGING IN THE ACTIVITIES LISTED UNDER**  
16 **THIS SUBSECTION.**

17 (C) **A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OR GROUP OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES HAS THE RIGHT**  
18 **AT ANY TIME TO:**

19 (1) **PRESENT A GRIEVANCE ARISING UNDER THE TERMS OF THE**  
20 **AGREEMENT TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER; AND**

21 (2) **HAVE THE GRIEVANCE ADJUSTED WITHOUT THE INTERVENTION**  
22 **OF THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE.**

23 (D) **THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT**  
24 **DURING ANY MEETING INVOLVING THE PRESENTATION OR ADJUSTMENT OF A**  
25 **GRIEVANCE.**

26 (E) (1) **A PUBLIC EMPLOYER SHALL HEAR A GRIEVANCE AND**  
27 **PARTICIPATE IN THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE GRIEVANCE.**

28 (2) **THE ADJUSTMENT OF A GRIEVANCE MAY NOT BE INCONSISTENT**

1 WITH THE TERMS OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT THEN IN EFFECT.

2 (3) A PUBLIC EMPLOYER SHALL GIVE PROMPT NOTICE OF ANY  
3 ADJUSTMENT OF A GRIEVANCE TO THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE.

4 (F) A PUBLIC EMPLOYER AND AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT  
5 INTERFERE WITH, INTIMIDATE, RESTRAIN, COERCE, OR DISCRIMINATE AGAINST A  
6 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BECAUSE THE EMPLOYEE EXERCISES RIGHTS GRANTED UNDER  
7 THIS SECTION.

8 16-714.

9 A PUBLIC EMPLOYER, ITS OFFICERS, AND AGENTS MAY NOT:

10 (1) INTERFERE WITH, INTIMIDATE, RESTRAIN, OR COERCE PUBLIC  
11 EMPLOYEES IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

12 (2) ENCOURAGE OR DISCOURAGE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN THEIR  
13 SELECTION OF MEMBERSHIP IN ANY EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION;

14 (3) DISCHARGE OR DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE BECAUSE  
15 OF THE SIGNING OR FILING OF AN AFFIDAVIT, PETITION, OR COMPLAINT, OR GIVING  
16 INFORMATION OR TESTIMONY IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THIS  
17 SUBTITLE;

18 (4) REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN GOOD-FAITH BARGAINING OR THE  
19 DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS IN THIS SUBTITLE; OR

20 (5) DISCLOSE ANY PORTION OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE  
21 INFORMATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO AN UNAUTHORIZED THIRD PARTY.

22 16-715.

23 (A) THE BOARD MAY:

24 (1) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE; AND

25 (2) DELEGATE AND ASSIGN ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS  
26 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD.

27 (B) THE BOARD MAY NOT ADOPT ANY RULE THAT:

28 (1) UNNECESSARILY DELAYS THE RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES OVER

1 ELECTIONS, UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES, OR ANY OTHER MATTER UNDER THIS  
2 SUBTITLE; OR

3 **(2) RESTRICTS OR WEAKENS THE PROTECTION PROVIDED TO PUBLIC**  
4 **EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR EXISTING**  
5 **REGULATIONS.**

6 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

7 3–2A–01.

8 There is a State Higher Education Labor Relations Board established as an  
9 independent unit of State government.

10 3–2A–05.

11 (a) The Board is responsible for administering and enforcing provisions of:

12 **(1)** this title relating to employees described in § 3–102(a)(1)(v) of this title;

13 **AND**

14 **(2) TITLE 16, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

15 (b) In addition to any other powers or duties provided for elsewhere in this title  
16 **OR TITLE 16, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE**, the Board may:

17 (1) establish procedures for, supervise the conduct of, and resolve disputes  
18 about elections for exclusive representatives; **[and]**

19 (2) investigate and take appropriate action in response to complaints of  
20 unfair labor practices and lockouts; **AND**

21 **(3) RESOLVE MATTERS AS PROVIDED IN § 16–711 OF THE EDUCATION**  
22 **ARTICLE.**

23 3–2A–07.

24 (a) The Board may investigate:

25 (1) a possible violation of this title or any regulation adopted under it; **[and]**

26 **(2) A POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF TITLE 16, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE**  
27 **EDUCATION ARTICLE OR ANY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER IT; AND**

28 **[(2)] (3)** any other relevant matter.

1 (b) The Board may hold a hearing in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the  
2 State Government Article whenever necessary for a fair determination of any issue or  
3 complaint arising under:

4 (1) this title or a regulation adopted under it; OR

5 (2) **TITLE 16, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE OR ANY**  
6 **REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER IT.**

7 3-2A-08.

8 (a) On written request of an exclusive representative, and within 30 days of a new  
9 employee's date of hire, for each employee in the bargaining unit represented by the  
10 exclusive representative, the University System of Maryland system institutions, Morgan  
11 State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and [Baltimore City Community College]  
12 **EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE** shall provide the exclusive representative with the  
13 employee's:

14 (1) name;

15 (2) position classification;

16 (3) unit;

17 (4) home and work site addresses where the employee receives interoffice  
18 or United States mail;

19 (5) home and work site telephone numbers; and

20 (6) work e-mail address.

21 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:**

22 (a) If a community college entered into any agreements or contracts with  
23 employees of the community college through exclusive representation in the course of  
24 collective bargaining before October 1, 2021, the community college shall continue to  
25 operate under the agreements and contracts until the agreements and contracts expire. If  
26 a bargaining unit in existence before October 1, 2021, dissolves, the community college shall  
27 be subject to the rules and regulations of collective bargaining established under this Act.

28 (b) If a party to a collective bargaining agreement or contract under subsection  
29 (a) of this section determines that an impasse exists with regard to the terms of the  
30 agreement or contract, the parties shall resolve the impasse in accordance with the  
31 procedures for impasse under § 16-711 of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 2 of  
32 this Act.

1 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the exclusive representative  
2 for any bargaining unit established before October 1, 2021:

3 (1) shall be recognized in writing by the board of trustees for the  
4 community college;

5 (2) may not be required to be recertified for any reason; and

6 (3) shall retain all rights to continue collective bargaining as provided by  
7 this Act.

8 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

9 (a) (1) Notwithstanding § 16–709 of the Education Article, as enacted by  
10 Section 2 of this Act, for fiscal year 2022, a public employer may choose to bargain with the  
11 exclusive representative over wages of employees in the bargaining unit.

12 (2) This subsection does not apply to an exclusive bargaining unit  
13 established before October 1, 2021.

14 (b) Beginning in fiscal year 2023 and each year thereafter, a public employer shall  
15 bargain with the exclusive representative over all matters authorized under § 16–709 of  
16 the Education Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act.

17 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2021.