

HOUSE BILL 432

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

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2023

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Chief Executive Officer of the Public School System –**
3 **Search Committee Requirements**

4 **PG 503–23**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the composition of, the qualifications for, and the method for
6 selecting the search committee for the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's
7 County public school system; and generally relating to the search committee for the
8 Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's County public school system.

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

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 4–201.1.

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

19 (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, the Chief Executive
20 Officer of the Prince George's County public school system shall be:

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Appointed by the county board after agreement on contract terms
2 negotiated by the chair of the county board.

3 (c) (1) The County Executive shall select a Chief Executive Officer from a list
4 of three nominees recommended by a search committee that is comprised of[:

5 (i) One member of the State Board, appointed by the State
6 Superintendent; and

7 (ii) Two] **THREE** residents of Prince George's County, appointed by
8 the [Governor] **COUNTY EXECUTIVE**.

9 **(2) A MEMBER OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF**
10 **THE COUNTY FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS.**

11 **(3) THE SEARCH COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF INDIVIDUALS WHO**
12 **COLLECTIVELY:**

13 **(I) REFLECT, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE**
14 **GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, ETHNIC, CULTURAL, AND GENDER DIVERSITY OF THE**
15 **COUNTY; AND**

16 **(II) HAVE A HIGH LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE IN:**

17 **1. EARLY EDUCATION THROUGH SECONDARY**
18 **EDUCATION POLICY;**

19 **2. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION POLICY;**

20 **3. TEACHING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS;**

21 **4. STRATEGIES USED BY TOP-PERFORMING STATE AND**
22 **NATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS IN THE WORLD;**

23 **5. LEADING AND IMPLEMENTING SYSTEMIC CHANGE IN**
24 **COMPLEX ORGANIZATIONS; AND**

25 **6. FINANCIAL AUDITING AND ACCOUNTING.**

26 **[(2)] (4) The search committee shall be chaired by a member selected by**
27 **the [State Superintendent] COUNTY EXECUTIVE.**

28 (d) (1) The term of the Chief Executive Officer is 4 years beginning on July 1.

1 (2) The Chief Executive Officer continues to serve until a successor is
2 appointed and qualifies.

3 (3) By February 1 of the year in which a term ends, the Chief Executive
4 Officer shall notify the County Executive and the county board if the Chief Executive
5 Officer is a candidate for reappointment.

6 (4) (i) In the year a term begins, the County Executive shall select a
7 Chief Executive Officer between February 1 and June 1, and the county board shall
8 complete the appointment on or before June 30.

9 (ii) If the County Executive decides to select the incumbent Chief
10 Executive Officer, the county board shall complete the reappointment no later than March
11 1 of that year.

12 (5) If the county board is unable to appoint a Chief Executive Officer by
13 July 1 of the year a term begins, the provisions of subsection (f) of this section apply.

14 (e) (1) An individual may not be appointed as Chief Executive Officer unless
15 the individual:

16 (i) Is eligible to be issued a certificate for the office by the State
17 Superintendent;

18 (ii) Has graduated from an accredited college or university; and

19 (iii) Has completed 2 years of graduate work at an accredited college
20 or university, including public school administration, supervision, and methods of teaching.

21 (2) The appointment of the Chief Executive Officer is not valid unless
22 approved in writing by the State Superintendent.

23 (3) If the State Superintendent disapproves an appointment, the State
24 Superintendent shall give the reasons for disapproval in writing to the county board and
25 the County Executive.

26 (f) If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chief Executive Officer, the County
27 Executive shall select and the county board shall appoint an interim Chief Executive Officer
28 to serve until July 1 after the appointment.

29 (g) On notification of pending criminal charges against the Chief Executive
30 Officer as provided under § 4-206 of this subtitle, the county board may suspend the Chief
31 Executive Officer with pay until the final disposition of the criminal charges.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
33 1, 2023.