

SENATE BILL 266

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By: **Senator Watson**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports – Membership –**
3 **Alteration**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated
5 Community Supports to include a school counselor certified by the State Department
6 of Education; and generally relating to the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated
7 Community Supports.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 7–447.1(d) and (e)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 7–447.1.

17 (d) The Consortium consists of:

18 (1) The following members representing government agencies:

19 (i) The Secretary of Health, or the Secretary’s designee;

20 (ii) The Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary’s designee;

21 (iii) The Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary’s designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iv) The State Superintendent of Schools, or the State
2 Superintendent's designee;

3 (v) The Chair of the Commission, or the Chair's designee;

4 (vi) The Director of Community Schools in the [State] Department
5 [of Education], or the Director's designee;

6 (vii) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
7 President of the Senate; and

8 (viii) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
9 of the House;

10 (2) The following members representing other organizations and entities:

11 (i) One member of the Maryland Council on Advancement of
12 School-Based Health Centers, appointed by the Chair of the Council;

13 (ii) One county superintendent of schools, designated by the Public
14 School Superintendents Association of Maryland;

15 (iii) One member of a county board of education, designated by the
16 Maryland Association of Boards of Education;

17 (iv) One teacher who is teaching in the State, designated by the
18 Maryland State Education Association;

19 (v) One social worker practicing at a school in the State, designated
20 by the Maryland Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers;

21 (vi) One psychologist practicing in a school in the State, designated
22 by the Maryland School Psychologists Association;

23 (vii) One representative of nonprofit hospitals, designated by the
24 Maryland Hospital Association;

25 (viii) One member of the Commission, designated by the Chair of the
26 Commission; [and]

27 (ix) One representative of the Maryland Medical Assistance
28 Program, designated by the Secretary of Health; AND

29 (X) ONE SCHOOL COUNSELOR CERTIFIED BY THE
30 DEPARTMENT UNDER TITLE 6, SUBTITLE 7 OF THIS ARTICLE, DESIGNATED BY THE
31 MARYLAND SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION;

1 (3) The following members appointed by the Governor:

2 (i) One representative of the behavioral health community with
3 expertise in telehealth;

4 (ii) One representative of local departments of social services; and

5 (iii) One representative of local departments of health; and

6 (4) The following members appointed jointly by the President of the Senate
7 and the Speaker of the House:

8 (i) One individual with expertise in creating a positive classroom
9 environment;

10 (ii) One individual with expertise in equity in education; and

11 (iii) Two members of the public.

12 (e) (1) This subsection applies only to the members appointed under
13 subsection (d)(2), (3), and (4) of this section.

14 (2) A member serves for a term of 4 years beginning on the date of the
15 member's appointment and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

16 (3) A member may not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

17 (4) The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms of the
18 members serving on the Consortium on July 1, **[2022] 2023**.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the term of the initial school
20 counselor member of the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports,
21 designated under § 7-447.1(d)(2)(x) of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this
22 Act, shall expire in 2026.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2023.