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## County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2018 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 3

### Bill No. 13 -2018

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT relating to the provision of behavioral health services in the County; removing certain references to the Howard County Mental Health Authority; changing the name of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board to be the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board; amending the duties of the Board of Health; amending the membership of certain boards and commissions; amending the membership of the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board; amending the qualifications to be a member of the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board; setting forth the duties and responsibilities of the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board; making certain technical corrections; providing for the application of certain provisions related to changes to Other Post-Employment Benefits; and generally relating to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2018. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 at \_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the**  
2 *Howard County Code is amended as follows:*

3 *By amending:*

4 *Title 1- Human Resources*

5 *Subtitle 4B. Howard County Other Post-Employment Benefit Trust*

6 *Section 1.404B “Definitions”*

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8 *Section 1.405B “Purpose and scope of trust”*

9 *Subsection (b)*

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11 *Title 2 – Administrative Procedure*

12 *Subtitle 1. Administrative Procedure Act*

13 *Sections 2.103 “Applicability” and 2.109 “Applicability”*

14 *Subsection (b)*

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16 *Section 2.109 “Applicability”*

17 *Subsection (b)*

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19 *Title 6 – County Executive and Executive Branch*

20 *Subtitle 3. Boards and Commissions*

21 *Section 6.335 “Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board”*

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23 *Title 12 – Health and Social Services*

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25 *Subtitle 1. Health Code*

26 *Section 12.101 “Board of Health”*

27

28 *Subtitle 3. Local Children’s Board*

29 *Section 12.301 “Membership of Local Children’s Board; appointment”*

30 *Subsection (c)*

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1 (c) *Dependent* means any person who is either described in Section 152(a) of the Internal  
2 Revenue Code of 1986, as may be amended from time to time, or is defined as a dependent in a  
3 program sponsored by an employer.

4 (d) *Employee* means an individual who performs services for an employer, and who has been  
5 designated as eligible to participate in and receive benefits under an other post-employment  
6 benefits program.

7 (e) *Employer* means the County or any other unit of government, including the Howard County  
8 Board of Education, the Howard Community College, the Howard County Board of Library  
9 Trustees, the Howard County Economic Development Authority, the Howard County Housing  
10 Commission, OR the Howard Soil Conservation District[, or the Howard County Mental Health  
11 Authority]].

12 (f) *Trust fund* shall mean the trust estate of the OPEB trust which shall include:

- 13 (1) All monies received by the Board as employer contributions;
- 14 (2) All interest and income from investments; and
- 15 (3) Any other property received and held by the Board for the uses and purposes set forth  
16 in the OPEB trust.

17 (g) *OPEB trust* means the Howard County other post-employment benefits trust established by  
18 this subtitle, as may be amended from time to time;

19 (h) *Other Post-Employment Benefits* means non-pension benefits paid on behalf of a former  
20 employee or a former employee's dependent after the employee's retirement from service under a  
21 program.

22 (i) *Participant* means an employee of an employer who satisfies the requirements for  
23 participation in an other post-employment benefits program sponsored by an employer.

24 (j) *Program* shall mean any schedule of benefits sponsored or maintained by an employer to  
25 provide other post-employment benefits.

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27 **Section 1.405B. Purpose and scope of trust.**

28 (b) *Scope.* The County provides other post-employment benefits for retirees of the County, and  
29 has provided funding for other post-employment benefits for retirees of the Howard County  
30 Board of Education, the Howard Community College, the Howard County Board of Library  
31 Trustees, the Howard County Economic Development Authority, the Howard County Housing

1 Commission, AND the Howard Soil Conservation District, [[and the Howard County Mental  
2 Health Authority]]. The OPEB trust may include participating employers as provided in section  
3 1.411B of this subtitle.

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5 **Title 2. Administrative Procedure.**

6 **Subtitle 1. Administrative Procedure Act.**

7 **Article II. Administrative Rules.**

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9 **Section 2.103. Applicability.**

10 (b) *This article does not apply to the following Agencies:* The Adult Public Guardianship  
11 Review Board, the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection, the Board of Appeals, the Board of  
12 Library Trustees, the Board of License Commissioners, the Board of Social Services, the Cable  
13 Advisory Committee, the Commission on Aging, the Design Advisory Panel, the Fire and  
14 Rescue Services Board, the Historic Landmarks and Sites Board, [[the Mental Health Advisory  
15 Board]] the Plumbing Advisory Board, the Public Works Board, the Recreation and Parks Board,  
16 the LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD [[Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory  
17 Board]], the Commission on Disability Issues, the Local Children's Board, and the Soil  
18 Conservation District.

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20 **Article III. Contested Cases.**

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22 **Section 2.109. Applicability.**

23 (b) *This article does not apply to the following Agencies:* The Adult Public Guardianship  
24 Review Board, the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection, the Board of Appeals, the Board of  
25 Library Trustees, the Board of License Commissioners, the Board of Social Services, the Cable  
26 Advisory Committee, the Commission on Aging, the Fire and Rescue Services Board, the  
27 Historic Landmarks and Sites Board, [[the Mental Health Advisory Board]], the Plumbing  
28 Advisory Board, the Public Works Board, the Recreation and Parks Board, the [[Alcohol and  
29 Drug Abuse Advisory Board]] LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD, the Commission  
30 on Disability Issues, the Local Children's Board, and the Soil Conservation District.

1 **Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.**

2 **Subtitle 3. Boards and Commissions**

3  
4 **Section 6.335. [[Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board]] LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
5 **ADVISORY BOARD.**

6 There is [[an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board]] A LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
7 ADVISORY BOARD. Its membership and duties and responsibilities are set forth in subtitle 10,  
8 "[[Alcohol and Drug Abuse]] BEHAVIORAL HEALTH," of title 12, "Health and Social Services,"  
9 of the Howard County Code.

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11 **Title 12. Health and Social Services.**

12 **Subtitle 1. Health Code.**

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14 **Section 12.101. Board of Health.**

15 (a) *General Provisions.* General provisions applicable to this Board are set forth in subtitle 3,  
16 "Boards and Commissions," of title 6, "County Executive and the Executive Branch," of the  
17 Howard County Code.

18 (b) *Members.* There is a Board of Health of Howard County consisting of [[nine]] ELEVEN  
19 members.

20 (c) *Qualifications:*

21 (1) All members shall be residents of Howard County.

22 (2) One member shall HAVE EXPERIENCE [[be a professional]] in the area of environmental  
23 health.

24 (3) Three members shall be health professionals, and one of the health professionals may be  
25 a veterinarian.

26 (4) [[Five]] SEVEN members shall represent the general public and shall meet one of the  
27 following qualifications, provided that not more than three shall meet the same  
28 qualification:

29 (i) At least two MEMBERS shall not have professional or administrative training in the  
30 health occupations.

1 (ii) At least two MEMBERS may have had professional or administrative training in the  
2 health occupations but shall not currently work as health professionals or have  
3 worked as health professionals in the five years prior to their appointment.

4 (III) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER SHALL HAVE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN MENTAL HEALTH  
5 AND AT LEAST ONE MEMBER SHALL HAVE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN SUBSTANCE  
6 USE DISORDERS.

7 (d) *Executive Secretary.* The Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee shall serve as  
8 Executive Secretary to the Board and shall attend all meetings.

9 (e) *Meetings.* The Board shall meet once a month except for the months of [[July and August]]  
10 JULY, AUGUST, AND DECEMBER, in which meetings are optional, and at any other time the Board  
11 considers necessary.

12 (f) *Powers and Duties.* The Board of Health shall:

13 (1) Have the powers and duties of a local Board of Health as provided in title 3 of the  
14 Health-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

15 (2) Assist and cooperate with the Secretary of THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF Health  
16 [[and Mental Hygiene]] of the State of Maryland in health-related [[matters]] MATTERS,  
17 INCLUDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

18 (3) Have general responsibility for the health and sanitary interests of the people of the  
19 County.

20 (4) Investigate and study the causes of disease, epidemics and nuisances affecting public  
21 health, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, the prevention of contagious [[diseases]] DISEASES, and  
22 the preservation of health.

23 (5) Advise the County Executive and County Council on health matters INCLUDING  
24 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

25 (6) Have the power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas and apply for injunctive relief.

26 (7) Act as the appeals board for decisions of the Health Officer regarding enforcement of  
27 this Code, except as otherwise provided in this subtitle. In making its determination, the  
28 Board of Health shall consider only:

29 (i) Whether an actual or potential health hazard exists; or

30 (ii) Whether a condition exists which interferes with the proper use or enjoyment of  
31 property; or

- 1 (iii) Whether the Health Officer has acted in accordance with law and regulation.  
2 (8) At the directive of the County Executive or by resolution of the County Council, the  
3 Board of Health shall review and make recommendations on any matter related to  
4 public health.  
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6 **Title 12. Health and Social Services.**

7 **Subtitle 3. Local Children's Board.**  
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9 **Section 12.301. Membership of Local Children's Board; appointment.**

10 (c) *Qualifications of Members of the Local Children's Board:*

11 (1) Members of the Local Children's Board shall either reside or work in Howard County and  
12 shall demonstrate an interest in children's services. As far as is practicable, the Local  
13 Children's Board shall reflect the gender, geographic, ethnic and racial [[make up]]  
14 MAKEUP of the County.

15 (2) The membership of the Local Children's Board shall reflect, as closely as is reasonable and  
16 practical, the profile contained in this paragraph.

17 (i) The Board shall contain at least four consumer or family members, including:

- 18 a. A former consumer of child services;  
19 b. A parent, family member, or guardian of a consumer of child services; and  
20 c. An adolescent currently enrolled in the Howard County Public School System.

21 (ii) The members of the Board from the private sector shall include:

- 22 a. An individual representing private nonprofit child serving agencies;  
23 b. An individual with business experience;  
24 c. A child advocate;  
25 d. An academician;  
26 e. An individual representing a private nonprofit agency serving individuals with  
27 disabilities; and  
28 f. An individual from a philanthropic organization.

29 (iii) Members of the Board from the private sector may include:

- 30 a. Individuals with business experience;  
31 b. Individuals with legal experience;



- 1 c. Individuals with financial experience;
- 2 d. Individuals representing the religious community;
- 3 e. A health care professional;
- 4 f. A mental health professional;
- 5 g. A child care professional;
- 6 h. Individuals representing private for-profit child serving agencies; and
- 7 i. A pediatrician.

8 (iv) The following individuals from the public sector shall be invited to serve on the Board:

- 9 a. The Director of the local Department of Social Services;
- 10 b. The Superintendent of Public Schools or an assistant superintendent;
- 11 c. The Supervisor of the Local Office of Juvenile Justice;
- 12 d. The Health Officer of Howard County;
- 13 e. The Chief of Police of Howard County;
- 14 f. The State's Attorney for Howard County;
- 15 g. The Director of Recreation and Parks; AND
- 16 h. The Director of the Department of Community Resources and Services[[]; and
- 17 i. The Executive Director of the Howard County Mental Health Authority]].

18 (v) The following individuals from the public sector may be invited to serve on the Board:

- 19 a. A judge from the District Court of Howard County or designee;
- 20 b. A judge from the Circuit Court of Howard County or designee;
- 21 c. The regional manager of the local child care administration or designee;
- 22 d. A member of the Howard County Housing Authority or designee;
- 23 e. An individual with responsibilities for coordination of transportation; and
- 24 f. The Director of the Howard County Library.

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26 **Title 12. Health and Social Services.**

27 **Subtitle 10. [[Alcohol and Drug Abuse]] BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.**

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29 **Section 12.1000. [[Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board]] LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
30 **ADVISORY BOARD.**

- 1 (a) *General Provisions.* General provisions applicable to [[this]] THE LOCAL BEHAVIORAL  
2 HEALTH ADVISORY Board are set forth in subtitle 3, "Boards and Commissions," of title 6,  
3 "County Executive and the Executive Branch," of the Howard County Code:
- 4 (b) *Number of Members.* The [[Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory]] Board shall have [[14]]16  
5 appointed members and [[12]]8 ex officio members.
- 6 (c) *Ex Officio Members.* The ex officio members shall be:
- 7 (1) The Chief of Police or the Chief's designee;
- 8 (2) The Superintendent of the Public School System or the Superintendent's designee;
- 9 (3) THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE OFFICE ON AGING AND INDEPENDENCE, DEPARTMENT OF  
10 COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES;
- 11 [[(3) The Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee;]]
- 12 (4) The Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court (5th Judicial District) or the judge's  
13 designee, who shall be a judge from the district or circuit courts in Howard County;
- 14 (5) The Director of the Department of Corrections or the Director's designee;
- 15 [[(6) A member of the County Council or the Council's designee;]]
- 16 [[(7)]6] The State's Attorney or the State's Attorney's designee;
- 17 [[(8) The President of the Howard County Student Government Association or the  
18 President's designee;]]
- 19 [[(9)]7] The Director of the Local Department of Social Services or the Director's designee;
- 20 AND
- 21 [[(10) The Regional Director of the Department of Juvenile Services or the Director's  
22 designee;
- 23 (11) The Regional Director of the Division of Parole and Probation of the Director's  
24 designee; and]]
- 25 [[(12)]8] The District Public Defender for the 5th Judicial District or the District Public  
26 Defender's designee.
- 27 (d) *Qualifications of the Appointed Members:*
- 28 [[(1) Three members shall represent providers of substance abuse education, treatment or  
29 prevention;
- 30 (2) Seven members shall represent the general public and shall not be providers of substance  
31 abuse education, treatment, or prevention services to Howard County residents;

- 1 (3) One member shall be a representative of a college or university in the County;
- 2 (4) One member shall be a student of a college or university in the County;
- 3 (5) One member shall represent an advocacy group which addresses issues relating to alcohol
- 4 and/or drug abuse; and
- 5 (6) One member shall be a recipient of addictions treatment services.]]

6 (1) SIX MEMBERS SHALL BE FAMILY MEMBERS OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS EXPERIENCED A  
7 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITION OF WHICH:

8 A. THREE MEMBERS SHALL BE THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A MENTAL  
9 HEALTH CONDITION; AND

10 B. THREE MEMBERS SHALL BE THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A  
11 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER;

12 (2) SIX MEMBERS SHALL BE CONSUMERS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT SERVICES OF  
13 WHICH:

14 A. THREE MEMBERS SHALL BE THE CONSUMERS OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT  
15 SERVICES; AND

16 B. THREE MEMBERS SHALL BE THE CONSUMERS OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT  
17 SERVICES;

18 (3) TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE ADVOCATES OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS THAT  
19 PROVIDE EDUCATION, TREATMENT, OR PREVENTION OF WHICH:

20 A. ONE MEMBER SHALL BE A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; AND

21 B. ONE MEMBER SHALL BE A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROFESSIONAL; AND

22 (4) TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF WHICH ONE SHALL HAVE  
23 INTEREST IN MENTAL HEALTH AND ONE SHALL HAVE INTEREST IN SUBSTANCE USE  
24 DISORDERS.

25 (e) *Staff Support.* The Health Department shall provide staff support to the Board.

26 (f) *Meetings.* The [[Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory]] Board shall meet at least nine times  
27 per year. Special meetings may be held at any time, at the call of the chair or upon written  
28 request of at least six members.

29 (g) *Quorum.* A quorum shall consist of [[six]] THIRTEEN members.

1 [[(h) *Duties and Responsibilities.* The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board shall carry out  
2 all duties and responsibilities assigned to it by law. The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory  
3 Board shall:

- 4 (1) Periodically review available services and facilities for prevention and/or treatment of  
5 alcohol or drug abuse to determine how these services and facilities are meeting the needs  
6 of Howard County residents;
- 7 (2) Review the County Health Department's annual substance abuse plan;
- 8 (3) Make recommendations to the Health Officer and to the County Executive and the  
9 County Council concerning the need for services and facilities for substance abuse  
10 prevention, education and treatment;
- 11 (4) Act as a County advocate for alcohol and drug abuse programs;
- 12 (5) Submit an annual report to the County Executive and the County Council on the needs for  
13 alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment and the resources available in the  
14 community; and
- 15 (6) At the direction of the County Executive or by resolution of the County Council, review  
16 and make recommendations on any matter related to alcohol or drug abuse.]]

17 (H) *DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.* THE LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD'S  
18 MISSION IS TO ADVISE THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE IN THEIR  
19 RESPONSIBILITY TO PLAN, MANAGE, AND MONITOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES  
20 FOR HOWARD COUNTY RESIDENTS. THE BOARD SHALL:

- 21 (1) SERVE AS ADVOCATES FOR CLIENTS/CONSUMERS/FAMILY MEMBERS IN NEED OF SHORT AND  
22 LONG-TERM CARE IN THE LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY;
- 23 (2) COORDINATE WITH AND SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITY  
24 ORGANIZATIONS ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH;
- 25 (3) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS NEEDED TO THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER AND COUNTY  
26 EXECUTIVE CONCERNING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TOPICS, INCLUDING:
  - 27 (I) BEST-IN-CLASS SERVICES AND FACILITIES;
  - 28 (II) EDUCATION AND TREATMENT;
  - 29 (III) STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF EXISTING AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE  
30 HOWARD COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RELATED RESOURCES  
31 AND SERVICES;

- 1 (4) PROACTIVELY OR AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR BY RESOLUTION OF  
2 THE COUNTY COUNCIL, REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY MATTER RELATED  
3 TO LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS;  
4 (5) PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, COUNTY  
5 EXECUTIVE, AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE LOCAL BEHAVIORAL NEEDS AND  
6 RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY; AND  
7 (6) CARRY OUT ANY OTHER DUTY OR RESPONSIBILITY ASSIGNED BY LAW.  
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9 **Title 12. Health and Social Services.**

10 **Subtitle 17. Board to Promote Self Sufficiency.**

11  
12 **Section 12.1701. Membership.**

13 (d) *Qualifications of Members:*

- 14 (1) All members shall either reside or work in Howard County.  
15 (2) As practicable, the Board shall reflect the gender, geographic, ethnic, and racial [[make  
16 up]] MAKEUP of the County.  
17 (3) Ex-officio members from the public sector shall include the following:  
18 (i) The Director of the Department of Social Services, or the Director's designee;  
19 (ii) The Director of the Department of Community Resources and Services, or the  
20 Director's designee;  
21 [[(iii) The Director of the Mental Health Authority, or the Director's designee;]]  
22 ([[iv]]III) The Director of the Howard County Health Department, or the Director's  
23 designee;  
24 ([[v]]IV) The Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development or the  
25 Director's designee;  
26 ([[vi]]V) The Director of the Department of Corrections, or the Director's designee;  
27 ([[vii]]VI) The Administrator of the Office of Workforce Development, or the  
28 Administrator's designee;  
29 ([[viii]]VII)The President of Howard Community College, or the President's designee;  
30 ([[ix]]VIII) The Superintendent of the Howard County Public School System, or the  
31 Superintendent's designee; and



1  
2 **Title 23. Risk Management.**

3 **Subtitle 1. Comprehensive Risk Management Program.**

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5 **Section 23.102. Cooperation with other governmental agencies.**

6 (a) *Agreements for Pooled Comprehensive Risk Management:*

7 (1) *Governmental agency* means:

8 (i) A public or quasi-public agency in Howard County created by State or local law,  
9 including, without limitation, the Howard County Board of Education, Howard County  
10 Volunteer Fire Corporations the Howard County Community College; the Howard  
11 County Board of Library trustees, the Howard County Housing Commission, the  
12 Howard County Economic Development Authority, AND the Howard County Revenue  
13 Authority[[, and the Howard County Mental Health Authority]];

14 (ii) Any nonprofit or nonstock corporation in Howard County that is exempt from taxation  
15 under subsection 501(c)(3) or(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and receives 50 percent  
16 or more of its annual operating budget from the State Government or the Government  
17 of Howard County.

18 *A governmental agency* includes its public officials, employees, agents, and volunteers.

19 (2) *Authority to enter into agreements.* The County may cooperate with and enter into  
20 agreements with governmental agencies in order to provide comprehensive risk  
21 management in the most economical manner.

22 (3) *Coverage.* The comprehensive risk management program shall compensate for injury or  
23 death of persons or damage to property resulting from the negligent or wrongful acts within  
24 the scope of their official duties of public officials, agents, volunteers, or employees of the  
25 governmental agency, shall provide protection against physical loss or damage to property  
26 of the governmental agency, and shall provide for the defense of claims. An agreement  
27 may provide for some or all of the coverage included in the comprehensive risk  
28 management program established by the County.

1 **Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that  
2 *the provisions of Section 1 of this Act that make amendments to Other Post-Employment Benefits*  
3 *in sections 1.404B and 1.405B of the Howard County Code shall apply beginning on July 1, 2018.*

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5 **Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that  
6 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*