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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. 53-2019

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

AN ACT to amending the membership and responsibilities of the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency; and generally relating to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2019. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, 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 _____, 2019.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2019 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ___ day of _____, 2019 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2019

Calvin Ball, 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 Howard
2 County Code is amended as follows:

3 1. *By amending*

4 Title 12 "Health and Social Services"

5 Section 12.1700 "General provisions; purpose"

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7 2. *By amending*

8 Title 12 "Health and Social Services"

9 Section 12.1701 "Membership"

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11 3. *By amending*

12 Title 12 "Health and Social Services"

13 Section 12.1703 "Responsibilities of the Board"

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

16 **Subtitle 17. Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.**

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18 **Section 12.1700. General provisions; purpose.**

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

21 (b) *Purpose of the Board.* The purpose of the Board is to:

22 (1) Support [[the goal of the Human Services Master Plan]]EFFORTS to build a community that
23 enables individuals and families to have adequate income and resources to meet their basic
24 needs;

25 (2) Act as the planning and coordinating mechanism for initiatives to:

26 (i) Promote the economic stability of individuals and families; and

27 (ii) Reduce the incidence of poverty in Howard County; and

28 (3) Serve as the governance body for the distribution of certain resources that support
29 initiatives of the Board.

1 **Section 12.1701. Membership.**

2 (a) *Number of Members.* The Board shall have a minimum of 20 members and a maximum of 27
3 members.

4 (b) *Apportionment of Representation.* As practicable, the Board shall consist of a majority private
5 sector representation and a minority public sector representation.

6 (c) *Method of Appointment.* Each appointed member shall be appointed by the County Executive
7 and confirmed by the County Council.

8 (d) *Qualifications of Members:*

9 (1) All members shall either reside or work in Howard County.

10 (2) As practicable, the Board shall reflect the gender, geographic, ethnic, and racial makeup of
11 the County.

12 (3) Ex-officio members from the public sector shall include the following:

13 (i) The Director of the Department of Social Services, or the Director's designee;

14 (ii) The Director of the Department of Community Resources and Services, or the
15 Director's designee;

16 (iii) The Director of the Howard County Health Department, or the Director's designee;

17 (iv) The Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development or the
18 Director's designee;

19 (v) The Director of the Department of Corrections, or the Director's designee;

20 (vi) The Administrator of the Office of Workforce Development, or the Administrator's
21 designee;

22 (vii) The President of Howard Community College, or the President's designee;

23 (viii) The Superintendent of the Howard County Public School System, or the
24 Superintendent's designee; and

25 (ix) The Chairperson of the Howard County Housing Commission or the Chairperson's
26 Designee.

27 (4) Ex-officio members from the public sector may include:

28 (i) The Chief of the Department of Police, or the Chief's designee; and

29 (ii) The Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning, or the Director's designee.

30 (5) Appointed members from the private sector shall include:

- 1 (i) A representative from the Community Action Council or any other Federally
2 designated anti-poverty agency;
- 3 (ii) A representative from grassroots or any other homeless shelter serving both individuals
4 and families;
- 5 (iii) A representative from [[congregations concerned for the homeless]] BRIDGES TO
6 HOUSING STABILITY or any other provider of family stabilization services;
- 7 (iv) A representative from the Association of Community Services or any other network of
8 human services providers and advocates focused on serving families in Howard
9 County;
- 10 (v) At least one individual who [[is, or was, homeless or a recipient of emergency,
11 transitional, or subsidized housing services]] HAS USED THE SERVICES OF EMERGENCY,
12 TRANSITIONAL, OR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING;
- 13 (vi) At least one individual who [[is, or was, a recipient of cash benefits or services, or
14 both, to support their transition from welfare to work]] HAS RECEIVED CASH BENEFITS,
15 SERVICES, OR BOTH, TO SUPPORT THEIR TRANSITION TO STABLE EMPLOYMENT;
- 16 (vii) A representative of a HOWARD COUNTY business that provides entry and midlevel
17 employment opportunities;
- 18 (viii) A representative of the Howard County Chamber of Commerce or any other
19 organization whose purpose is to facilitate the success of businesses;
- 20 (ix) A representative of a faith-based organization;
- 21 (x) An individual or representative of a business that provides financial services; and
- 22 (xi) A representative of an organization that provides, or advocates for, transportation
23 services.
- 24 (6) Appointed members from the private sector may include other community members or
25 representatives from nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations, or faith-based
26 organizations that:
- 27 (i) Provide crisis intervention services;
- 28 (ii) Support the financial stability of individuals and families;
- 29 (iii) Advocate for the basic needs of County residents; or
- 30 (iv) Represent the needs of children and families, seniors, or people with mental or
31 physical disabilities.

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Section 12.1703. Responsibilities of the Board.

The Board shall:

- (a) Review data and analyze the nature and characteristics of poverty within Howard County, barriers to, and gaps in, existing services, and best practices from other jurisdictions;
- [[b) Participate in the development of a collaborative, multidisciplinary plan for an integrated strategy that emphasizes prevention and early intervention;]]
- [[c]]B) Encourage and promote services and partnerships which support the [[implementation of the plan]] HUMAN SERVICES MASTER PLAN, maximize the efficient use of available resources, and generate additional resources;
- [[d]]C) Support the development of an integrated approach to data collection and information management;
- [[e]]D) Evaluate the impact, effectiveness, and cost benefit of self-sufficiency initiatives;
- [[f]]E) If requested by a County agency, make recommendations to a County agency on the use and distribution of Federal, State, or local funds for crisis intervention, financial literacy, crisis prevention, and self-sufficiency activities [[including, but not limited to, funds received under the Stewart B. McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance Act]];
- [[g]]F) Act as a County advocate for issues related to poverty, financial literacy and self-sufficiency, and undertake activities which will educate and increase public awareness of these issues;
- [[h]]G) Subject to section 22.1000 of the County Code, by December 1 of each year, submit a report to the County Executive and County Council describing achievements for the previous fiscal year, and providing recommendations regarding policies, legislation, and funding strategies deemed necessary to accomplish the responsibilities and duties established by this section; and
- [[i]]H) At the directive of the County Executive, or by resolution of the County Council, review and make recommendations on any matter related to issues of poverty or economic self-sufficiency in Howard County.

Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*