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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2024 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 3

Bill No. 12 -2024

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

Short Title: Amending the membership of the Local Children's Board.

Title: AN ACT amending the membership of the Local Children's Board to add certain ex officio members and to amend the total number of members accordingly; and generally relating to the Local Children's Board.

Introduced and read first time March 4, 2024. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.
By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, 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 March 18, 2024.

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This Bill was read the third time on April 1, 2024 and Passed ☒, Passed with amendments ☒, Failed ☐.

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Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 2 day of April, 2024 at 2⁰⁰ a.m./p.m.

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Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive April 3, 2024

Calvin Ball
Calvin Ball, County Executive

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Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that the following provisions of the Howard County Code are amended:

Title 12. Health and Social Services.

Section 12.301 "Membership of the Board; appointment".

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Subtitle 3. Local Children's Board.

Section 12.301. Membership of the Board; appointment.

(a) Appointment:

(1) Members of the Board shall be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council.

(2) The Board may recommend individuals to fill a vacancy on the Board. The County Executive shall consider the individuals recommended by the Board, but need not fill a vacancy from the list of individuals recommended.

(b) Number of Board Members; Apportionment of Representation:

(1) The Board shall have at least ~~[[19]]25~~ 23 members and no more than ~~[[29]]35~~ members.

(2) (i) As practicable, the Board shall consist of a majority of public sector (ex-officio) representation and a minority of private sector representation.

(ii) At least 20 percent of the private sector representation shall be comprised of former consumers or family members of consumers of services for children, youth and families in Howard County.

(c) Qualifications of Members of the Board:

(1) Members of the Board shall demonstrate an interest in children's services. As far as is practicable, the Board shall reflect the gender, geographic, ethnic and racial makeup of the County.

(2) The membership of the Board shall reflect, as closely as is reasonable and practical, the profile contained in this paragraph.

(i) The members of the Board from the private sector may include:

- 1 a. A minimum of two youth members (ages 14-24) with one currently
2 attending a Howard County Public School;
3 ~~b. At least one individual representing private non-profit child-serving~~
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- 10 (ii) The following ex officio members shall serve on the Board:
11 a. The Director of the local Department of Social Services;
12 b. The Superintendent of the Howard County Public School System;
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1 P. ~~ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM~~ THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION
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3 (d) *Voting Members:*

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6 constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business.

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8 consensus prior to a vote being called.

9 (e) *Terms of Members of the Board:*

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15 until a successor is appointed.

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Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 12-2024

**BY: The Chairperson at the Request
of the County Executive**

**Legislative Day 4
Date: April 1, 2024**

Amendment No. 1

(This Amendment makes the following changes:

- 1. Corrects the number of members;*
- 2. Strikes the member representing a "private non-profit child-serving" agency because that slot is being replaced by Ex Officio members representing specific organizations; and*
- 3. Removes "designees" from certain Ex Officio members.)*

1 On page 1, in line 18, strike "25" and substitute "23" and, in the same line, strike "[[" and strike
2 "]]35".

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4 On page 2, strike lines 3 and 4, inclusive and in their entirety.

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6 On page 2, in lines 5 through 9, strike "c." and substitute "B."; strike "d." and substitute "C.";
7 strike "e." and substitute "D."; strike "f." and substitute "E."; and strike "g." and substitute "F."

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9 On page 2, in line 24, strike "OR THE PRESIDENT'S".

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11 On page 2, inline 25, strike "DESIGNEE".

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13 On page 2, in line 26, strike "ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM" and substitute "THE EXECUTIVE
14 DIRECTOR OF".

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16 On page 2, in line 28, strike "ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM" and substitute "THE EXECUTIVE
17 DIRECTOR OF".

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19 On page 3, in line 1, strike "ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM" and substitute "THE PRESIDENT OF".

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Michael Cherry
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