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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 7

Bill No. 36-2016

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

AN ACT to establish a Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities; providing for the membership, officers, and staffing of the Commission; setting forth the requirement to meet; providing for the purpose and responsibilities of the Commission; providing the expiration dates of the terms of the initial members of the Commission; and generally relating to the Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2016. 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 _____, 2016.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2016 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 _____, 2016 at ____ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2016

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 Howard
2 County Code is amended as follows:

- 3 1. By adding Section 6.343 “Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities” to:
4 Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.
5 2. By adding Subtitle 19 “Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities” to:
6 Title 12, Health and Social Services.

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

9 **Subtitle 3. Boards and Commissions.**

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11 **6.343. COMMISSION FOR TRANSITIONING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.**

12 THERE IS A COMMISSION FOR TRANSITIONING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. ITS MEMBERSHIP,
13 DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE SET FORTH IN SUBTITLE 19, “COMMISSION FOR TRANSITIONING
14 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES,” OF TITLE 12, “HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES,” OF THIS CODE.

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

17 **SUBTITLE 19. COMMISSION FOR TRANSITIONING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.**

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19 **SECTION 12.1900. COMMISSION FOR TRANSITIONING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES;
20 GENERAL PROVISIONS; PURPOSE.**

21 (A) *GENERAL PROVISIONS.* THERE IS A HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSION FOR TRANSITIONING
22 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COMMISSION FOR
23 TRANSITIONING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ARE SET FORTH IN SUBTITLE 3, "BOARDS AND
24 COMMISSIONS," OF TITLE 6, “COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH” OF THIS CODE.

25 (B) *PURPOSE.* THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND
26 COMPREHENSIVE DELIVERY OF SERVICES THAT WILL MOST SUCCESSFULLY MEET THE TRANSITION
27 NEEDS OF HOWARD COUNTY STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, AND TO IMPROVE STUDENT OUTCOMES
28 THROUGH EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT.

29 (C) *DEFINITIONS.* FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, HCPSS MEANS THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC
30 SCHOOL SYSTEM.

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SECTION 12.1901. MEMBERSHIP.

(A) *NUMBER OF MEMBERS.* THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF A MINIMUM OF 22 MEMBERS AND A MAXIMUM OF 30 MEMBERS.

(B) *QUALIFICATIONS.* ALL MEMBERS SHALL EITHER RESIDE OR WORK IN HOWARD COUNTY.

(C) *MEMBERSHIP.* THE COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING:

(1) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

- (I) PROGRAM HEAD, TRANSITION SERVICES, HCPSS;
- (II) INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITATOR, SECONDARY EDUCATION, HCPSS;
- (III) COORDINATOR, CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION, HCPSS;
- (IV) TRANSITION SPECIALIST, HCPSS;
- (V) PARENT COORDINATOR, HCPSS;
- (VI) COORDINATOR, SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES, HCPSS;
- (VII) MANAGER, TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION, HCPSS;
- (VIII) DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES, HOWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT;
- (IX) ADA COORDINATOR, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES, HOWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT;
- (X) ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES, HOWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT;
- (XI) ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, HOWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT;
- (XII) ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, HOWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT;
- (XIII) ADMINISTRATOR, DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES, REGION V, STATE OF MARYLAND;
- (XIV) REPRESENTATIVE, RESOURCE COORDINATION PROVIDERS; AND
- (XV) REPRESENTATIVE, HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND
- (XVI) MANAGER, THERAPEUTIC RECREATION, DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS, HOWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT; AND

- 1 (2) APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR:
2 (I) TWO REPRESENTATIVES, HOWARD COUNTY BUSINESS COMMUNITY;
3 (II) THREE PARENT REPRESENTATIVES;
4 (III) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY; AND
5 (IV) UP TO EIGHT COMMUNITY MEMBERS INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE
6 COMMISSION AND ITS WORK.

7 (D) *COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON.* THE COMMISSION SHALL BE CHAIRED JOINTLY BY A
8 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC
9 SCHOOL SYSTEM, AND A FAMILY MEMBER OF A STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY.

10 (E) *METHOD OF APPOINTMENT.* EACH APPOINTED MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY
11 THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CONFIRMED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

12 (F) *EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.* THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL DESIGNATE A COUNTY EMPLOYEE TO
13 SERVE AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION AND ATTEND ALL MEETINGS.

14 (G) *MEETINGS.* THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY.
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16 **SECTION 12.1902. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.**

17 (A) *IN GENERAL* THE HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSION FOR TRANSITIONING STUDENTS WITH
18 DISABILITIES MAY:

- 19 (1) ADVOCATE FOR POLICY ON BEHALF OF STUDENTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL,
20 INTELLECTUAL, AND/OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES;
21 (2) EXAMINE CURRENT PRACTICES AND EXPLORE WAYS TO IMPROVE POSTSECONDARY
22 OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING CUSTOMIZED
23 EMPLOYMENT;
24 (3) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD FACILITATE SUCCESSFUL CUSTOMIZED
25 EMPLOYMENT AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS EXITING THE
26 HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM; AND
27 (4) FACILITATE SYSTEMIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC
28 SCHOOL SYSTEM, THE HOWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE INDUSTRY,
29 ADULT SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND THE FAMILIES OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.
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1 **SECTION 12.1903. ANNUAL REPORT.**

2 ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT
3 TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON ITS ACTIVITIES DURING THE PREVIOUS
4 CALENDAR YEAR. THE REPORT MAY INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY MATTER RELATED TO
5 THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION.

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7 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that,*
8 *to establish the stagger of terms required by § 6.300 of the Howard County Code, of the initial*
9 *appointees to the Commission, 2 appointees shall have a term of 1 year, 3 appointees shall have*
10 *a term of 2 years, 3 appointees shall have a term of 3 years, 3 appointees shall have a term of 4*
11 *years, and 3 appointees shall have a term of 5 years, as provided in the Resolutions that confirm*
12 *the appointments.*

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