

SENATE BILL 445

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By: **Senator Ready**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Ethics Commission, Judicial Ethics Committee, and Joint Ethics Committee –**
3 **Duties**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that the Judicial Ethics Committee rather than the
5 Commission on Judicial Disabilities shall administer and implement certain
6 provisions of law that apply to State officials of the Judicial Branch; making stylistic
7 changes; and generally relating to duties of the Ethics Commission, Joint Ethics
8 Committee, and Judicial Ethics Committee.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – General Provisions
11 Section 5–104 and 5–819
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2014 Volume)

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

16 **Article – General Provisions**

17 5–104.

18 [This title shall be administered and implemented by:]

19 (A) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION,**
20 **THIS TITLE SHALL BE ADMINISTERED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE ETHICS**
21 **COMMISSION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [(1) (B) [the]THE Joint Ethics Committee, acting as an advisory body [as
2 to the application of], SHALL ADMINISTER AND IMPLEMENT Subtitle 5 of this title AS IT
3 APPLIES to members of the General Assembly[;].

4 [(2) (C) [the Commission on Judicial Disabilities] THE JUDICIAL
5 ETHICS COMMITTEE or another body designated by the Court of Appeals, acting as an
6 advisory body [as to the application of], SHALL ADMINISTER AND IMPLEMENT Subtitles
7 5 and 6 of this title AS THOSE SUBTITLES APPLY to State officials of the Judicial Branch[;
8 and

9 (3) in all other matters, the Ethics Commission].

10 5–819.

11 (a) A school board shall submit regulations adopted under this part, and
12 amendments to adopted regulations, to the Ethics Commission for review and approval or
13 disapproval.

14 (b) If the Ethics Commission does not disapprove a regulation or an amendment
15 to a regulation within 60 days after its submission, the regulation or amendment is deemed
16 to have been approved and becomes effective.

17 (c) (1) The Ethics Commission may disapprove a regulation or an amendment
18 to a regulation only if the Ethics Commission finds that the regulation or amendment is
19 not in substantial compliance with this part.

20 (2) If the Ethics Commission disapproves a regulation or an amendment,
21 the Ethics Commission shall promptly notify the school board of the action.

22 (d) On request of a school board, the Ethics Commission shall advise and assist
23 the school board in preparing regulations that comply with this [title] PART.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2015.