

**County Commissioners
Of
Allegany County, Maryland**

**Code Home Rule Bill No. 1-23
“An Act to Amend the Duties and Responsibilities of the
Emergency Services Board”**

Introduced:	<u>Jointly by the County Commissioners</u>
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**CODE HOME RULE
BILL NO. 1-23**

A Bill Entitled:

**“AN ACT TO AMEND THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE
EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD FOUND IN CHAPTER 146 OF THE CODE
OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND (2011
EDITION AS AMENDED”**

SECTION I.

WHEREAS, Chapter 146 of the Code of Public Laws of Allegany County, Maryland, establishes the duties and responsibilities of the Emergency Services Board for Allegany county; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland State’s Firemen’s Association (MSFA) previously provided guidelines for emergency services and has now largely reduced their role doing so. As a result, local emergency service boards are adopting guidelines based upon those established by the National Fire Protection Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority granted by the State of Maryland, it is hereby proposed that the following amendments be approved and enacted to Chapter 146 of the *Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County, Maryland (2011 Edition, as amended)*¹:

Article I – Emergency Services Board

§ 146-3 Organization

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D. Board duties and responsibilities. The Allegany County Emergency Services Board shall be and is endowed with the power necessary and appropriate to execute the following functions:

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(2) To establish criteria, ~~as per the bylaws of the Maryland State Firemen's Association,~~ for the establishment of new emergency service organizations and for the establishment of new substations within existing emergency service organizations. No new emergency service organization, station or substation will receive funding allocation unless approved by the Emergency Services Board.

¹ **Bold** material is language added to the existing law. Stricken through material is language deleted from the existing law.

The Board shall consider population, travel distance, assessable base, and other factors in developing the criteria.

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(5) To establish equipment standards for emergency service organizations that meet the ~~current Maryland State Firemen's Association bylaws~~ **requirements set forth by the Fire & EMS Committees under the direction of the Emergency Services Board**. These equipment standards shall be reviewed and amended as required on an annual basis by the **Fire & EMS Committees**. ~~Allegany County Emergency Services Board~~. ~~The Allegany County Emergency Services Board may establish standards greater than those set forth by the Maryland State Firemen's Association, provided that funding is identified to exceed these standards.~~

(6) To establish training standards for emergency service organizations, their members and officers that will meet the requirements ~~of the State of Maryland, its regulatory agencies, and the Maryland State Firemen's Association~~ **set forth by the Fire & EMS Committees under the direction of the Emergency Services Board**. These training standards shall be reviewed and amended as required on an annual basis by the ~~Allegany County Emergency Services Board~~ **Fire & EMS Committee**. ~~The Allegany County Emergency Services Board may establish standards greater than those set forth by the Maryland State Firemen's Association, provided that funding is identified to exceed these standards.~~ All emergency services organizations will provide, upon request from the Allegany County Emergency Services Board, a listing of all members and their respective training records. **Emergency Service Organizations' standards will be reviewed annually by the Allegany County Emergency Services Board or its designee.**

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E. Fire Service Committee.

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(1) Committee membership. The Fire Service Committee will be made up of one chief officer (Chief, Deputy Chief or Assistant Chief) from each emergency services organization providing fire protection services in Allegany County. Each organization shall have only one vote. **A voting member shall not represent or vote on behalf of more than one organization.**

SECTION II.

All other provisions of the *Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County, Maryland (2011 Edition, as amended)*, ordinances, regulations, and orders, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Bill, are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV.

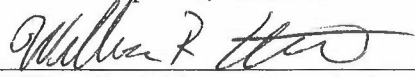
AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND, that this Act shall become effective 45 days from date of passage.

PASSED this 19th day of October, 2023.


**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND**



David J. Caporale, President



William R. Atkinson, Commissioner



Creade V. Brodie, Jr., Commissioner

ATTEST:



Jason M. Bennett, County Administrator

CERTIFICATION

I, Samantha Logsdon, Clerk to the County Commissioners of Allegany County, Maryland, hereby certify that the above action of the Commissioners is a part of the formal, written record of the public meeting on the 19th day of October, 2023.



Samantha Logsdon, Clerk

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