Trustees for review and further hearings; providing for adoption of rules necessary for the conduct of the proceedings; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 77A — Higher Education Section 9A Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 9A of Article 77A — Higher Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## Article 77A - Higher Education

9A.

- (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of  $\S$  9 of this article, Charles County Community College board of trustees [shall be] IS created, separate and distinct from the Charles County Board of Education. The board of trustees shall consist of seven members. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint the members of the board, who [must] SHALL be residents of Charles County. At least five [(5)] members shall have completed [sixty (60)] 60 semester hours of accredited college work and all shall receive expenses of [six hundred dollars] \$600 per year. Of the seven members appointed initially, five shall be appointed for initial terms of from one to five years, respectively, and the sixth and seventh members shall be appointed for initial terms of six years each. As any [such] appointment expires, [and thereafter,] the appointing authority shall appoint a successor for a full term of six years. [Any member] MEMBERS of the board may be appointed to [a] successive [term] TERMS. Among the initial appointees [there] shall be one member of the Charles County Board of Education who shall serve the initial term of one year and after the expiration of this one-year term [no], current [member] MEMBERS of the Charles County Board of Education [shall] MAY NOT be appointed to the board of trustees. The board of trustees of the community college shall organize and select its own chairman annually.
- (B) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY APPOINT A HEARING EXAMINER WHO MAY NOT BE ATTORNEY TO THE BOARD. THE HEARING EXAMINER MAY HOLD AN INITIAL HEAFING OF ALL PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THE HEARING EXAMINER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TO APPELLANTS A TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, EXHIBITS, FINDINGS OF FACT, AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW. THE