

~~(ii) an employee designated under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph:~~

~~1. may not be assigned on a full time basis to appear in the District Court on behalf of the corporation, partnership, or business;~~

~~2. shall provide the court a power of attorney sworn to by the employer that certifies that the designated employee is an authorized agent of the corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship and may bind the corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship on matters pending before the court; and~~

~~3. may not be an individual who is disbarred or suspended as a lawyer in any state;~~

~~(iii) a corporation, partnership, or business may not contract, hire, or employ another business entity to provide appearance services under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph; or~~

~~(5) an individual who is authorized by a county employee to represent the employee at any step of the county's grievance procedure.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any civil action filed before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved April 22, 2003.

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## CHAPTER 55

### (Senate Bill 7)

AN ACT concerning

### Creation of a State Debt - Aging School Program - Qualified Zone Academy Bonds

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of ~~\$0,100,000~~ \$9,043,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Interagency Committee on School Construction for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds and the allocation of funds to eligible school systems, subject to a requirement that the grantee document the provision of a required federal matching fund; authorizing the Board of Public Works to sell certain bonds at certain sales; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That: