

Agency Licensing with Professional Educator Boards

MDE Educator Licensing Division and Director Clearly Established in Statute

- Licensing Director given semi-autonomous authority with reporting requirements to the Legislature
- Licensing Division given full authority to make licensing determination consistent with statute and rule.
- Licensing Division to review and approve preparation programs consistent with statute and rule.
- MDE Commissioner given limited rulemaking authority related to licensure and preparation program requirements.
- Establish a clear appeal process including an internal appeal of licensing decision to the commissioner, followed – if necessary – by the Administrative Law Judge.

Board of Teaching Standards and Ethics/Board of School Administrator Standards and Ethics

- Convert BOT and BOSA into respective professional conduct review boards to handle professional misconduct and discipline matters, including the right to recommend license revocation or suspension for cause.

Board of Teaching Standards and Ethics

- 9 members appointed by the Governor; Senate Confirmed
 - six teachers, currently teaching or teaching at time of appointment; at least four public school teachers
 - three public members, one of whom should be a parent with a child in the school system

Board of School Administrator Standards and Ethics

- 7 members appointed by the Governor; Senate Confirmed
 - one elementary school principal
 - one secondary school principal
 - one school superintendent
 - one community education director
 - one special education director
 - two public members, one of whom a parent with a child in the school system

Or

Combined into one Professional Educator Standards Board