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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 445  
Ways and Means

(Prince George's County Delegation)

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**Prince George's County - Board of Education - Elected Members**  
**PG 412-03**

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This bill reestablishes an elected board of education in Prince George's County in 2004 rather than 2006. The terms of the members serving on the appointed New Prince George's County Board of Education are shortened by two years.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The Prince George's County Board of Elections could add the election of school board members to the 2004 ballots with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The terms of the nine voting members of the New Prince George's County Board of Education ("new board") are due to expire on December 3, 2006. At that time, the new board, which was appointed in June 2002, will be replaced with an elected board of education consisting of five members elected from five school board districts and four members elected from the county at large. Both the new board and the elected board also include a student member who serves a one-year term.

**Background:** After several years of turbulence, the Board of Education of Prince George's County was disbanded through legislation enacted on May 6, 2002 (House Bill 949, Chapter 289). The elected school board was replaced in June 2002 by the New

Prince George's County Board of Education, which consists of nine voting members, jointly appointed by the Governor and the County Executive, and one nonvoting student member. The legislation that created the new board also provides that the county return to an elected school board in 2006 following an evaluation of the new board.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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