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Senate Bill 88

(Senator Edwards)

Finance

Economic Matters

Allegany County - Workers' Compensation - Students in Unpaid Work-Based Learning Experiences

This bill allows the Allegany County Board of Education to waive a requirement that it be reimbursed by a participating employer for providing workers' compensation coverage for students placed in unpaid work-based learning experiences with the participating employer.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The Allegany County Board of Education does not currently provide workers' compensation coverage for students enrolled in unpaid work-based learning experiences, nor does it expect to in the future.

Small Business Effect: None. Unless the Allegany County Board of Education chooses to provide workers' compensation coverage for its students, employers who provide unpaid work-based learning experiences will continue to pay for that coverage.

Analysis

Current Law: Employers who provide unpaid work-based learning experiences to public or nonpublic school students must secure workers' compensation coverage for those students. However, the local school board may elect to provide coverage for its

participating students. In that event, the participating employers must reimburse the local school board the lesser of the cost of the coverage or \$250. The Cecil County Board of Education may waive the requirement that participating employers reimburse the local school board if the board provides workers' compensation coverage for its participating students.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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