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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1362 (Allegany County Delegation)
Rules and Executive Nominations

Allegany County - Board of Education - Ex Officio Member - Repeal

This bill repeals the requirement that the Chairman of the Allegany County Commissioners, or the chairman's designee, serve as a nonvoting *ex officio* member of the Allegany County Board of Education. The bill also repeals provisions for reimbursement for travel and other expenses incurred by the chairman, or the chairman's designee, as a result of county board of education meetings.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Allegany County finances are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Allegany County Board of Education consists of five elected members, the Chairman of the Allegany County Commissioners (or the chairman's designee) who serves as a nonvoting *ex officio* member, and one nonvoting student member.

Background: The Allegany County Board of Education is 1 of 18 elected boards of education in the State. There are four appointed boards of education in the State and two counties have hybrid boards including both elected and appointed members. In

three counties (Allegany, Carroll, and Garrett counties) one or more county commissioner serves as an *ex officio* member of the board of education. The **Appendix – Local Boards of Education** shows the selection methods, terms of office, and membership of the 24 local school boards.

Local Fiscal Effect: Allegany County advises that because of the proximity of county government offices to the location for board of education meetings (which generally occur once per month), there are typically no travel or other expense reimbursements under current law for the chairman's participation in board of education meetings. Therefore, the bill will not alter county finances.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 927 (Senator Edwards) - Rules.

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Appendix – Local Boards of Education

<u>School System</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Means of Selection¹</u>	
Allegany	7	4 years	E	5 from county at large 1 commissioner <i>ex officio</i> (nonvoting) 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Anne Arundel	9	5 years	A	3 from county at large 5 from legislative districts 1 student (one-year term)
Baltimore City	10	3 years	A	9 from city at large 1 student (one-year term)
Baltimore	12	5 years	A	4 from county at large 7 from council districts 1 student (one-year term)
Calvert	6	4 years	E	2 from county at large 3 from commissioner districts 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Caroline	7	4 years	A/E	3 elected from school board districts 2 appointed from county at large 2 students (nonvoting, one-year term)
Carroll	9	4 years	E	5 from county at large 3 commissioners <i>ex officio</i> (nonvoting) 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Cecil	6	4 years	E	5 from commissioner districts 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Charles	8	4 years	E	7 from county at large 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Dorchester	7	4 years	E	5 from council districts 2 students (nonvoting, one-year term)
Frederick	8	4 years	E	7 from county at large 1 student (nonvoting, one year term)
Garrett	7	4 years	E	2 from county at large 3 from commissioner districts 1 commissioner <i>ex officio</i> (nonvoting) 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)

<u>School System</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Means of Selection</u> ¹
Harford	11	4 years	A/E 6 elected from council districts 3 appointed 1 superintendent <i>ex officio</i> (nonvoting) 1 student (one-year term)
Howard	8	4 years	E 7 from county at large 1 student (one-year term)
Kent	6	4 years	E 5 from county at large 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Montgomery	8	4 years	E 2 from county at large 5 from school board districts 1 student (one-year term)
Prince George's	10	4 years	E 9 from school board districts 1 student (one-year term)
Queen Anne's	7	4 years	E 1 from county at large 4 from commissioner districts 2 students (nonvoting, one-year term)
St. Mary's	6	4 years	E 1 from county at large 4 from commissioner districts 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Somerset	5	4 years	E All from commissioner districts
Talbot	8	4 years	E 7 from school board districts 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Washington	8	4 years	E 7 from county at large 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Wicomico	7	5 years	A All from county at large
Worcester	10	4 years	E 7 from commissioner districts 3 students (nonvoting, one-year term)

¹A = Appointed by Governor, except in Baltimore City where board is appointed jointly by the Governor and the Mayor.
E = Elected. A/E = Combined appointed and elected board.

Source: Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article, Sections 3-101 through 3-1405; local board of education websites