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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 146 (Senators Colburn and Pipkin)(By Request - Caroline
County Commissioners and Dorchester County Council)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Chesapeake College - Board of Trustees - Appointment of Members

This bill requires the Governor to appoint each member of the Board of Trustees of Chesapeake College from a list of at least three qualified individuals submitted to the Governor by Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot counties, respectively.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill is directed at Chesapeake College.

Local Effect: Selecting a list of qualified individuals to serve on the Board of Trustees of Chesapeake College does not materially affect the finances of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot counties.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Board of Trustees of Chesapeake College consists of two members from each county that supports Chesapeake College (*i.e.*, Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot counties). Members must be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the House of Delegates. The county superintendents of schools in the region are not *ex officio* members.

Background: Chesapeake College is a regional community college developed in 1965 to serve the needs of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot counties. It is located near Wye Mills, in Queen Anne's County. The selection method and number of trustees for each of the 16 community colleges are shown in **Exhibit 1**. Unless otherwise specified, members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 266 (Caroline County Delegation) – Ways and Means.

Information Source(s): Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot counties; community college websites; Department of Legislative Services

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Exhibit 1
Community College Board of Trustees under Current Law

<u>College</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Years In A Term</u>	<u>Number of Terms</u>	<u>Special Provision Related to Selection</u> ¹
Allegany	7	6	Unlimited	None
Anne Arundel	8	6	Unlimited	Includes 1 student (one-year term)
Baltimore City	9	6	No more than 2 consecutive	A majority must be from Baltimore City, includes 1 student (one-year term)
Baltimore County	15	5	No more than 2 consecutive	1 from county at large; 14 from council districts (2 from each of the districts)
Carroll	7	6	Unlimited	None
Cecil	7	6	Unlimited	None
Chesapeake ²	10	5	No more than 3 full terms	2 each from Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot counties
College of Southern MD	9	5	No more than 2 consecutive	3 each from Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties
Frederick	7	5	No more than 3 consecutive	Must be Frederick County residents; may not be a member of the Frederick County Board of Education
Garrett	7	6	Unlimited	None
Hagerstown	7	6	Unlimited	Must be Washington County residents
Harford	9	5	No more than 2 consecutive	3 from county at large; 6 from council districts (1 from each of the 6 districts)
Howard	7	6	Unlimited	At least 6 must be Howard County residents
Montgomery ³	10	6	Unlimited	Includes 1 student (one-year term)
Prince George's	8	5	No more than 2 consecutive	Must be Prince George's County residents, includes 1 student (one-year term)
Wor-Wic	7	6	Unlimited	None

¹Unless otherwise noted, trustees are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

²Trustees of Chesapeake College are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the House of Delegates.

³Trustees of Montgomery College must also be selected from a list submitted by a nominating committee.

Source: Annotated Code of Maryland, community college websites
