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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 343

(Allegany County Delegation and Garrett County
Delegation)

Ways and Means

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Allegany County and Garrett County - Boards of Education - Removal of Ex
Officio Member**

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 of the Allegany County Commissioners, or the chairman's designee, as a result of county board of education meetings. Also, the bill repeals the requirement that the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Garrett County Commissioners serve as a nonvoting *ex officio* member of the Garrett County Board of Education.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Allegany County and Garrett 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. The Chairman of the Allegany County Commissioners, or the chairman's designee, is entitled to reimbursement for travel and other expenses incurred as a result of county board of education meetings.

The Garrett County Board of Education consists of two members elected from the county at large, three members elected from one of three county commissioner districts, the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the county commissioners who serves as a nonvoting *ex officio* member, and one nonvoting student member.

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. Also, Garrett County advises that the bill will not affect county finances.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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