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House Bill 621 (Cecil County Delegation)
Ways and Means

Cecil County Board of Education - Members - Salary

This bill increases the salaries for the members of the Cecil County Board of Education beginning with their next term of office. The bill sets the salary for all members of the board at \$5,000.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2017.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Salary expenditures for the Cecil County Board of Education increase by \$7,000 once the bill is fully implemented. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Cecil County Board of Education consists of five voting members and one nonvoting student member who is not paid. Board members are elected from commissioner districts in staggered four-year terms. The president of the board earns an annual salary of \$4,000 and other voting members of the board earn \$3,500 annually. The president and other members are entitled to annual compensation for travel and expenses of up to \$1,000. The Cecil County Commissioners are authorized to increase the salary of the county board.

Background: Chapter 390 of 2003 established a \$4,000 annual salary for the president of the county board and a \$3,500 salary for all other members. Prior to that, members of the board served without compensation, but were entitled to reimbursement expenses of up to \$1,400 for the president or \$1,000 for other members.

Local Expenditures: Because the bill increases compensation levels for board members, expenditures for the Cecil County Board of Education increase by \$7,000 once the bill fully takes effect. The bill specifies that the higher salary amounts take effect with the next term of office. Three members are elected in November 2018 and take office in December of the same year. Thus, in fiscal 2019, salary expenditures for the board increase by \$2,333, which reflects the December start date. In fiscal 2020, salary expenditures increase by the full \$4,000 annually for the three members elected in November 2018. In November 2020 (fiscal 2021), two additional members are elected and take office in December of the same year. Thus, salary expenditures increase by \$5,750. In fiscal 2022, salary expenditures increase by the full \$7,000 amount, which reflects the total net increase in salaries established by the bill.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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