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Ways and Means

(Delegate Ali, *et al.*)

Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners - Public School System - Reports

This bill requires the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to report to the mayor, the city council, and the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly on specified statistical information for the previous school year. Specifically, the required report must contain information related to homeless students, out-of-school suspensions, the racial and gender composition of school system teachers, and the number of audits completed by the Office of Internal Audits (OIA). **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The required report can be handled with existing Baltimore City resources. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background:

Required Reporting

The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners is required to report annually to the State Board of Education on the condition of schools under its jurisdiction. The report must include information on (1) expenditures; (2) the number of children taught; and (3) any other statistical information required by the State board.

Office of Internal Audits

OIA is an independent internal examination unit of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners that has authority to review, evaluate, and report on the performance of school operations and activities. The primary responsibilities of OIA include the following:

- evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes of city schools;
- perform independent audits, analyses, and evaluations of school operations and activities and to assess and report the extent to which established objectives are being achieved; and
- provide timely recommendations and advisory services to the school board and school management in order to improve the overall performance of schools.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 1634 of 2017 was referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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