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Ways and Means

(Howard County Delegation)

Howard County Board of Education - Superintendent of Schools - Term Length
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This bill establishes that the Howard County Board of Education may determine the term length of the county superintendent. The term may not exceed four years. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Howard County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, the term of a county superintendent is four years beginning on July 1. The superintendent continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

By February 1 of the year in which a term ends, the superintendent must notify the board of education whether the superintendent is a candidate for reappointment. The board must appoint a superintendent between February 1 and June 30 of the year in which a term begins. However, if the board decides to reappoint the incumbent superintendent, the board must take final action at a public meeting by March 1 of that year.

If a board is unable to appoint a superintendent by July 1, then provisions of law regarding vacancies apply, and the board must appoint an interim superintendent who serves until July 1 after the appointment.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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