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Senate Bill 1204 (Senator Robinson)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore City - Education - Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Instructors

This bill includes Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) instructors in Baltimore City as public school employees. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Allowing Baltimore City JROTC instructors to bargain with certificated school personnel instead of noncertificated school personnel does not materially impact school system expenditures. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Baltimore, Calvert, Charles, Garrett, and Prince George's counties, a public school employee includes JROTC instructors.

Background: In Maryland, certificated and noncertificated school employees bargain separately. In some counties, specific categories of noncertificated professionals are included with certificated employees for bargaining purposes. For example, local employee organizations for certificated school personnel represent school nurses in Baltimore County, eligible substitute teachers in Montgomery County, home and hospital workers in Montgomery and Prince George's counties, school social workers in Frederick County, and registered nurses in Carroll County.

JROTC instructors bargain with certificated school personnel in Baltimore, Calvert, Charles, Garrett, and Prince George's counties.

Local Fiscal Effect: JROTC instructors currently bargain with noncertificated employees in Baltimore City. Moving them into the union for certificated school personnel is not expected to have a material impact on Baltimore City school expenditures. The Baltimore City school system advises that the bill does not impact city funding for the public school system. There are currently 23 budgeted JROTC instructor positions within the Baltimore City Public School System (6 Air Force Aerospace Science JROTC, 14 Army JROTC, and 3 Naval Science JROTC).

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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