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Senate Bill 266

(Senator Watson)

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Ways and Means

**Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports - Membership -
Alteration**

This bill adds one school counselor certified by the Maryland State Department of Education, designated by the Maryland School Counselor Association, to the membership of the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports. The bill also makes technical changes to stagger the terms of the new member. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for the new board member are assumed to be minimal and absorbable with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 36 of 2021, The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future (The Blueprint) established the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports within the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission. The consortium must complete certain tasks related to the development of coordinated community supports partnerships to meet student behavioral health needs and other related challenges, including developing a statewide framework for the creation of coordinated community supports partnerships, implementing a related grant program, evaluating a payment reimbursement program for providers, and developing a program for uninsured students.

Consortium members serve for a term of four years beginning on the date of their appointment until a successor is appointed and qualified. Members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The chair of the consortium is jointly appointed from among the members. The consortium consists of 24 members, including:

- eight government officials (including one Senator and one Delegate appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively);
- four members appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;
- three members appointed by the Governor; and
- nine members appointed by various professional associations and public health officials.

Members of the consortium may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the standard State travel regulations, as provided in the State budget.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 306 (Delegate Wilkins) - Ways and Means.

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