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House Bill 1463

(Delegate Howard, *et al.*)

Ways and Means

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Anne Arundel County Board of Education - Constituent Services Liaison -
Establishment

This bill requires the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to hire a constituent services liaison prior to the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year. The liaison must (1) act as the liaison between the county board and members of the community; (2) assist community members in accessing services of Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) and other State and county education-related services; (3) engage community partners and local organizations to advance the strategic goals of AACPS; and (4) have experience working in special education before being hired. The president of the board, in consultation with counsel for the board must negotiate the terms of the employment agreement for the liaison. The liaison must be subject to removal by the president of the board in accordance with the terms of the employment agreement. The liaison must receive an annual salary set by the board. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: AACPS expenditures increase by an estimated \$148,100 annually beginning in FY 2027 to reflect the anticipated salary of the liaison plus the cost of additional equipment and fringe benefits. County revenues are not affected. **This bill imposes a mandate on a unit of local government.**

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Anne Arundel County Board of Education consists of seven nonpartisan elected members and one student member. The school board is 1 of 20 elected boards in the State, there are also 4 hybrid boards. AACPS adopted budget totaled \$1.78 billion in fiscal 2026. This amount includes all operating funds.

Local Expenditures: AACPS expenditures increase by an estimated \$148,100 annually beginning in fiscal 2027. This amount reflects the cost anticipated by AACPS to hire a new liaison with a starting annual salary of \$112,632. When the salary is combined with costs for fringe benefits, technology, mileage reimbursement, and supplies, AACPS expenditures increase by a total of \$148,100 in fiscal 2027. Future year expenditures may grow with additional annual salary increases, employee turnover, and continued ongoing supply, technology, and mileage reimbursement costs. Actual costs depend on the salary set by the local board.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See HB 1275 of 2025 and HB 1395 of 2024.

Designated Cross File: None.

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