



**FAVORABLE
House Bill 995
Washington County Board of Education – Members – Residency
Requirement**

**House Ways and Means Committee
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The Washington County Teachers Association (WCTA) supports House Bill 995. House Bill 995 provides that a member of the Washington County Board of Education (Board) must be a resident of Washington County for at least six months, and a resident of the state for at least twelve months immediately preceding the date the member takes office. The legislation also provides that a member of the Board must maintain their primary residence in Washington County during their term.

WCTA represents educators who work in Washington County Public Schools, teaching and preparing our students so they can pursue their dreams. WCTA is a local union affiliated with the Maryland State Education Association and the National Education Association at the state and national level, respectively.

WCTA believes House Bill 995 imposes a reasonable and common sense residency requirement for members of the Board, and supports its passage.

We urge the committee to issue a Favorable Report on House Bill 995.