

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 76 (Delegate Owings)  
Ways and Means

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**County Boards of Education - Authority to Appoint County Superintendents of  
Schools**

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This bill authorizes a county board of education to appoint a county superintendent to either a two-year or four-year term. Under current law, county superintendents' terms are set at four years.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Indeterminate impact on local expenditures as discussed below. Revenues would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None. Small businesses would not be directly affected.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Expenditures:** Reducing a county superintendent's term from four to two years could increase the number of "superintendent searches" conducted by a school district. A "superintendent search" is estimated to cost approximately \$50,000 for larger school districts and between \$10,000 and \$25,000 for smaller districts. The impact on a superintendent's compensation package due to a shorter term cannot be determined.

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