

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 70 (Delegate Owings)

Ways and Means

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

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

This bill takes effect July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Indeterminate impact on local expenditures. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: Enabling a county board to appoint a school superintendent to a term of less than four years could increase the number of "superintendent searches" conducted by a school district. A nationwide "superintendent search" is estimated to cost at least \$50,000, which includes consulting, travel, and advertisement costs. Local or regional searches would cost considerably less. The impact on a superintendent's compensation package due to a shorter term cannot be determined.

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