

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 730 (Delegate Minnick) (Baltimore County Administration)

Ways and Means

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**Baltimore County - Community Colleges - Change of Name**

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This bill provides for the reorganization of the community colleges in Baltimore County by establishing the Community College of Baltimore County. Under current law, Baltimore County operates three distinct community colleges (Catonsville, Dundalk, and Essex). Pursuant to this legislation, these community colleges would become campuses under the new community college system. The governance of the community college system would remain the same.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Minimal impact on Baltimore County expenditures. Revenues would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Effect:** Currently, the three community colleges are governed by the Board of Trustees for Baltimore County. The board of trustees appoints a chancellor who oversees the administration at the three community colleges and appoints, upon the recommendation of the chancellor, a president for each community college. The presidents of each community college report directly to the chancellor.

As illustrated in **Exhibit 1**, the central administrative office for the community colleges performs most of the administrative, financial, and strategic planning functions for the three community colleges with the individual colleges concentrating primarily on instructional programs and student services.

**Exhibit 1**  
**Tasks Performed at the Central Headquarters and Individual Colleges**

Central Headquarters	Individual Colleges
Administration, Financial Services, Information Technology, Human Relations, Public Relations, Strategic Planning, Grant Development, and Research	Instructional Programs and Student Services

*Source: Baltimore County Community College, Chancellor's Office*

Since most of the administrative and financial services for the community colleges are already consolidated at the board's headquarters, Baltimore County will not realize any significant cost savings by reorganizing the three colleges into one system. However, the county could incur additional expenses relating to the posting of new signs at each of the colleges.

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