

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
2000 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 717 (Delegate Heller)

Ways and Means

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**Education - County Boards of Education - Meetings in Executive Session**

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This bill requires local boards of education to provide timely notice of a meeting that is to be held in executive session by advising the public of the time, location, and subject of the meeting. If a local board takes a vote while in executive session on a matter other than land and site acquisition or personnel and labor relations, the local board must convene in public session immediately after the executive session is concluded and repeat the vote that was taken during the executive session.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Establishing additional requirements when local boards of education meet in executive session would not affect local school expenditures.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Maryland Open Meetings Act requires all public bodies to meet in open session; however, closed sessions are permitted in certain circumstances. A public body must also provide reasonable advance notice before meeting in an open or closed session. Local boards of education are considered a public body and must comply with the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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