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Ways and Means

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

Southern Maryland Higher Education Center - Board of Governors - Ex Officio Members

This bill adds two ex officio, nonvoting members to the Board of Governors of the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center: one representative of the College of Southern Maryland and one representative of St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Additional expenses incurred by adding two additional ex officio members would be minimal and absorbable within the existing resources of the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Board of Governors of the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center consists of 13 voting members appointed by the Governor and three ex officio, nonvoting members. The ex officio members include: (1) the commanding officer of the Naval Air Warfare Center - Aircraft Division at Patuxent River, or the officer's designee; (2) a member of the St. Mary's County Building Authority recommended by the St. Mary's Board of Commissioners; and (3) a representative of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. Members serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses. The Board of Governors exercises general control over the

center, ensures that all academic programs and policies of the center are in compliance with the policies of the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and ensures that tuition and fees charged to the center's students are reasonable.

Background: The Southern Maryland Higher Education Center was founded in 1994. The strategic goals of the center include the provision of enhanced access to higher education in Southern Maryland, the facilitation of cooperative projects that enhance technology-based business in Southern Maryland, and the promotion of cooperation between universities, government, and business in order to facilitate economic development in Southern Maryland.

Additional Information

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