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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 267  
Ways and Means

(Calvert County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Calvert County Board of Education - Term Limits and Compensation**

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This bill increases the annual compensation provided to members of the Calvert County Board of Education. Compensation for the president is increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000, and compensation for the other board members is increased from \$2,000 to \$4,000. In addition, the bill increases from two to three the number of consecutive terms that a board member may serve. The month that the student member's one-year term begins is also changed from July to June.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Calvert County expenditures would increase by \$2,000 in FY 2003 and by \$10,000 beginning in FY 2006. No effect on revenues.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The President of the Calvert County Board of Education is entitled to receive \$3,000 annually and the four other voting members are entitled to receive \$2,000 annually. Three board members are elected from three county commissioner districts and two members are elected from the county at large. Voting members serve four-year, staggered terms and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. There is also a non-voting student member on the board who serves for one year beginning each July.

Changes to the compensation of members of the Calvert County Board of Education take effect at the beginning of the next term of office.

**Background:** The Calvert County Board of Education is one of the 13 local boards of education that are elected. According to a November 2001 survey by the Maryland State Department of Education, members on 19 local boards receive compensation. Among the members of these boards, Calvert County board members receive the third lowest compensation.

**Local Expenditures:** Calvert County expenditures would increase to pay the additional compensation for board of education members. The two board members who are selected from the county at large will be elected in November 2002 and would be eligible for the pay increase in January 2003, midway through fiscal 2003. The county's expenditure increase for fiscal 2003, therefore, would be \$2,000, or \$1,000 per at large member. In fiscal 2004, when both at large members are eligible for a full year of enhanced compensation, the increase would be \$4,000.

The board members selected from county commissioner districts would be elected in 2004, and would be eligible for the pay increase midway through fiscal 2005. The total expenditure increase for fiscal 2005 would be \$7,000, \$3,000 for the members elected from districts and \$4,000 for the at large members. In fiscal 2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, the increased compensation would total \$10,000 as all five members would receive the \$2,000 increase for a full fiscal year.

|                                       | <u>FY 2003</u> | <u>FY 2004</u> | <u>FY 2005</u> | <u>FY 2006</u>  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Two at large members (elected 2002)   | \$2,000        | \$4,000        | \$4,000        | \$4,000         |
| Three district members (elected 2004) | 0              | 0              | 3,000          | 6,000           |
| <b>Total expenditure increase</b>     | <b>\$2,000</b> | <b>\$4,000</b> | <b>\$7,000</b> | <b>\$10,000</b> |

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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