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House Bill 375

(Harford County Delegation)

Ways and Means

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Harford County - County Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools

This bill repeals the special timetable used in Harford County for considering the reappointment of the county superintendent of schools, and applies the timetable used in most other local school systems in its place. The bill also repeals the requirement that the Harford County Board of Education conduct evaluations of the county superintendent's professional performance two years and one year prior to the end of the superintendent's term.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Changing the timetable for consideration of superintendent reappointments and requirements for performance evaluations would not affect Harford County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: By December 1 of the year preceding the year that the term of the Harford County Superintendent of Schools ends, the superintendent must let the Harford County Board of Education know if he or she will be a candidate for reappointment. In all other local school systems except Baltimore City, this notification must be provided

by February 1 of the year in which the local superintendent's term ends. Baltimore City has a different structure due to the Baltimore City/State Partnership enacted in 1997.

The Harford County Board of Education must conduct evaluations of the professional performance of the county superintendent by February 1 two years and again one year prior to the end of the superintendent's term. The findings of the evaluations must be shared with the county superintendent. Harford County is the only local school system that has these performance evaluation requirements in State law.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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