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Senate Bill 125 (Senator Lawlah, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

New Prince George's County Board of Education - Student Member - Voting Rights

This emergency bill provides the student member on the New Prince George's County Board of Education with limited voting privileges. The student member may vote on all matters except: (1) capital and operating budgets; (2) school closings, reopenings, and boundaries; (3) collective bargaining decisions; (4) student disciplinary matters; (5) teacher and administrative disciplinary matters; and (6) other personnel matters. By majority vote, the nine appointed members of the board may determine if a matter before the board is one on which the student may not vote. The bill also authorizes the Prince George's Regional Association of Student Governments to establish procedures for the election of the student member. The procedures are subject to the approval of the appointed board members. The bill specifies that the student member serves a one-year term beginning at the end of the school year.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Providing the student member on the board of education with limited voting privileges would not materially affect Prince George's County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The student member on the New Prince George's County Board of Education does not have voting rights.

Background: During the 2002 legislative session, the elected Prince George's County Board of Education was abolished and replaced with an appointed board. Prior to the change, the student member on the board had the limited voting rights that would be restored by this legislation. The prior law also provided the Prince George's Regional Association of Student Governments with the authority to establish procedures for the election of the student member.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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