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Senate Bill 521

(Senator Pipkin)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

Board of Trustees of Chesapeake College - Terms of Members

This bill extends to five years the terms of members of the Board of Trustees of Chesapeake College and provides for staggered terms among the 10 members of the board. The bill specifies that a member who is appointed to begin a full term on or after July 1, 2004 may not serve for more than three five-year terms. A term that begins prior to July 1, 2004 does not count towards the term limitations. At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies. The bill also alters the appointment process. The Governor would continue to appoint members to the board, but the appointments would be made with the advice and consent of the Senate, instead of the House of Delegates. However, if the Governor is appointing a member from a county that does not have a resident Senator but does have a resident Delegate, the appointment is made with the advice and consent of the House of Delegates.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Longer terms for members of the Board of Trustees of Chesapeake College would not materially impact local finances in the jurisdictions that support the college.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Members of the Board of Trustees of Chesapeake College serve four-year terms. A member appointed to begin a term after July 1, 2000 may not serve more than three four-year terms. Board members serve without compensation, although they are entitled to reimbursement for expenses. The Governor appoints board members with the advice and consent of the House of Delegates.

Background: Chesapeake College is located in Wye Mills, Maryland and is the local community college for Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, and Dorchester counties.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None, although HB 675 (Delegate Eckardt, *et al.*) is very similar.

Information Source(s): Caroline and Kent counties, Chesapeake College, Maryland Higher Education Commission, Department of Legislative Services

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