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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 675

(Delegate Eckardt, *et al.*)

Ways and Means

Education, Health, and Environmental  
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Board of Trustees of Chesapeake College – Terms of Members

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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 takes effect July 1, 2004.

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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.

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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.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None, although SB 521 (Senator Pipkin) is very similar.

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

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