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House Bill 917

(Washington County Delegation)

Ways and Means

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Washington County Board of Education - Salary

This bill increases the annual compensation of members of the Washington County Board of Education by \$700 per member. The president of the board will receive \$5,600 annually and the other members will receive \$5,500 each.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Washington County school expenditures would increase by approximately \$1,050 in FY 2007 and by \$4,900 in FY 2010, when the full impact of the increases would be incurred.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The president of the Washington County Board of Education earns annual compensation of \$4,900 and the other members each receive \$4,800 annually. The board consists of seven members who are elected to four-year terms from the county at large. A board member's compensation may not be increased during a term of office.

Background: The compensation for members of the Washington County Board of Education was most recently adjusted by Chapter 68 of 1997. At that time, compensation was increased by \$1,200 per member.

Local Expenditures: Washington County school expenditures would increase by \$4,900 annually once all seven members of the board of education are eligible for the compensation increases. The Maryland Constitution prohibits increases in the salaries and compensation of board members during a term of office. Currently, the terms of three members of the board are due to expire following the November 2006 general election (approximately halfway through fiscal 2007), and the terms of four members of the board are due to expire following the November 2008 general election (halfway through fiscal 2009). The staggered terms would have the effect of phasing in the compensation increases over four fiscal years, beginning with an increase of approximately \$1,050 in fiscal 2007. The full expenditure increase of \$4,900 would first be incurred in fiscal 2010. Minimal increases in benefits linked to payroll amounts would also be incurred.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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