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Ways and Means

(Charles County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Charles County - Education - Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Instructors

This bill includes Charles County Junior Reserve Officer Corps Training (JROTC) instructors in the definition of certificated public school employees for collective bargaining purposes.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Allowing Charles County JROTC instructors to bargain with certificated school personnel instead of noncertificated school personnel would not significantly impact school expenditures. School revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Maryland, certificated and noncertificated school employees bargain separately. In some counties, specific categories of noncertificated professionals are included with certificated employees for bargaining purposes. For example, local employee organizations for certificated school personnel represent school nurses in Baltimore County, eligible substitute teachers in Montgomery County, home and hospital workers in Montgomery and Prince George's counties, and school social workers in Frederick County. Prince George's County is the only jurisdiction where JROTC instructors bargain with certificated school personnel.

Local Fiscal Effect: JROTC instructors currently bargain with noncertificated employees in Charles County. Moving them into the union for certificated school personnel is not expected to have a significant impact on Charles County school expenditures. Charles County advises that the bill would not impact county funding for the public school system.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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