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Senate Bill 312

(Senator Conway, et al.)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

Community Colleges - Baltimore City Community College - Board of Trustees

This bill adds a nonvoting faculty member to the Board of Trustees for Baltimore City Community College (BCCC). The faculty member is elected by the BCCC Faculty Senate and serves a one-year term. The faculty member may not participate in an executive session of the board that is conducted to discuss personnel issues. The bill also requires the Board of Trustees to meet at least once per quarter with the Faculty Senate.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Including a nonvoting faculty member on the BCCC Board of Trustees would not impact State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The BCCC Board of Trustees consists of nine members appointed by the Governor, including one student member. The student member serves a one-year term and the other eight members serve six-year terms. Members may not serve more than two consecutive full terms. The board must meet regularly, but meetings with the Faculty Senate are not mandatory.

Background: BCCC has a mission to provide "outstanding educational, cultural, and social experiences" and to offer "accessible, affordable, comprehensive programs."

Unlike the rest of the State's community colleges, BCCC is operated by the State. The fiscal 2007 State budget includes \$35.1 million in State general funds for BCCC. The full budget for BCCC, including State funds as well as tuition and fees and other revenue sources, is \$80.3 million.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 672 of 2005 would have added two faculty members to the BCCC Board of Trustees. Different versions of the bill were passed in the two chambers. The Senate appointed conference committee members to resolve the differences, but the House did not.

Cross File: None.

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