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House Bill 160
Ways and Means

(Delegate Krebs, *et al.*)

Education - State Board of Education Members - Qualifications

This bill requires at least two members of the State Board of Education to be the parents of students enrolled in public schools in Maryland at the time of their appointments. This requirement only applies to members appointed after the bill's October 1, 2007 effective date.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Limiting the pool of eligible candidates for the State Board of Education would not impact State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The State Board of Education consists of 11 regular members and 1 student member with limited voting privileges. Members are appointed from the general public by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. In making appointments, the Governor must consider representation from all parts of the State and areas of the State with concentrations of population or unique needs. An individual who is subject to the authority of the board, the Governor, and the State Superintendent of Schools is not eligible for appointment to the board. Board members are not required to be parents of students enrolled in Maryland public schools.

Background: The State Board of Education sets broad policies and standards for primary and secondary education in Maryland. The board may also institute legal proceedings to enforce education laws and regulations and decides controversies and disputes relating to education bylaws.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A similar bill was introduced last year as HB 141. It received an unfavorable report from the House Ways and Means Committee.

Cross File: None.

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