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Senate Bill 841
Finance

(Carroll County Senators)

Ways and Means

Carroll County - Education - Organization of Teachers and Other Personnel

This bill includes noncertificated supervisory employees of the Carroll County public school system in one of the county's collective bargaining units established for certificated school employees. The bill also clarifies that, as of October 1, 2007, all three of Carroll County's noncertificated bargaining units are nonsupervisory units.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Allowing noncertificated Carroll County supervisory employees to bargain with certificated employees would not impact school expenditures in either county.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Maryland, certificated and noncertificated school employees generally 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; school social workers in Frederick County; and the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructors in Garrett,

Prince George's, and Charles counties. Noncertificated supervisory employees in Baltimore County bargain with certificated employees.

Local Fiscal Effect: Carroll County advises that all its public school employees are in one of five collective bargaining units except approximately 75 noncertificated supervisory employees. Because five units, two certificated and three noncertificated, is the statutory limit, these 75 employees need to be added to one of the existing units. Carroll County also reports that the salary schedule for the noncertificated supervisory employees is the same as the salary schedule of the unit they will join. Therefore, the bill will not have a fiscal impact on the county or the local board of education.

Additional Comments: Although the language relating to Garrett County appears as new language being added to the Code, it is actually existing language pursuant to Chapter 97 of 2006.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 461, a similar bill, passed the House and passed on second reading in the Senate, but no further action was taken on the bill.

Cross File: None.

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