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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 45

(Calvert County Delegation)

Ways and Means

Education, Health, and Environmental  
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**Calvert County Board of Education - Compensation**

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This bill increases compensation for the five members of the Calvert County Board of Education by \$1,500 each. The board president's compensation increases from \$5,000 to \$6,500 annually. Compensation for the remaining four members increases from \$4,000 to \$5,500. The increases take effect at the beginning of the next term of office.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Once all five board members are eligible for the compensation increases, expenditures for the Calvert County Board of Education would increase by \$7,500 annually.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The president of the Calvert County Board of Education receives compensation of \$5,000 annually, and the remaining four voting members each receive compensation of \$4,000 annually. Members serve staggered four-year terms, with three members to be elected in the 2008 general election and two members in the 2010 general election. Elected officials in Maryland serving terms of four years or less may not receive compensation increases during their terms of office.

**Background:** Information on compensation for board of education members is provided in **Exhibit 1**. As the exhibit shows, board of education members in 21 of the 24 local school systems receive compensation for their service. The three jurisdictions that do not provide compensation are Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties and Baltimore City. Among those that offer compensation, the amounts paid to board presidents range from a high of \$22,500 in Montgomery County to a low of \$2,400 in Kent County. Compensation for other board members ranges from a high of \$18,500 in Montgomery County to a low of \$2,000 in Kent County.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**County Board of Education Compensation in Maryland**

	<u><b>Board Chair/President</b></u>	<u><b>Other Board Members</b></u>
Allegany	\$5,000	\$5,000
Anne Arundel	None	None
Baltimore City	None	None
Baltimore County	None	None
Calvert	\$5,000	\$4,000
Caroline	\$3,500	\$3,000
Carroll	\$6,000	\$5,000
Cecil	\$4,000	\$3,500
Charles	\$5,000	\$4,000
Dorchester	\$3,600	\$3,200
Frederick	\$11,000	\$10,000
Garrett	\$4,000	\$4,000
Harford	\$3,600	\$3,600
Howard	\$14,000	\$12,000
Kent	\$2,400	\$2,000
Montgomery	\$22,500	\$18,500
Prince George's	\$19,000	\$18,000
Queen Anne's	\$4,000	\$3,500
St. Mary's	\$7,000	\$6,000
Somerset	\$3,000	\$2,700
Talbot	\$3,600	\$3,200
Washington	\$5,600	\$5,500
Wicomico	\$4,000	\$3,700
Worcester	\$3,600	\$3,200

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**Local Expenditures:** Annualized Calvert County Board of Education expenditures would increase by \$4,500 in fiscal 2009 following the election of three new members in the 2008 general election. Board expenditures would increase by an additional \$3,000 in fiscal 2011 following the election of two new members in the 2010 general election, for a total annualized increase of \$7,500.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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