# **Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly 2007 Session

#### FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 426 Ways and Means (Frederick County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

### Frederick County - Board of Education - Repeal of Spousal Exclusion

This bill repeals provisions that bar individuals from serving as members of the Frederick County Board of Education while their spouses are employed as teachers or administrators in the county's school system.

The bill is effective July 1, 2007.

## **Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill only affects the ability of certain individuals to serve as members of the Frederick County Board of Education or as teachers or administrators within the county school system.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

## **Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Frederick County Board of Education consists of seven members elected from the county at large. Spouses of board members may not serve as teachers or administrators within the county public school system. Similarly, spouses of teachers or administrators within the county public school system may not be elected to or serve on the board.

**Background:** Frederick County is the only county in the State with a statutory prohibition against spouses serving simultaneously on the school board and as teachers or school administrators. However, any individual in the State who is subject to the authority of a county board of education may not be appointed to or otherwise serve on that same board of education.

#### **Additional Information**

Prior Introductions: None.

**Cross File:** None.

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