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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 356

(Senators Miller and Dyson)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

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**Calvert County Board of Education - Compensation**

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This bill increases the annual salaries of the members of the Calvert County Board of Education. The president's salary increases from \$5,000 to \$6,500 and each of the four other members' salaries increase from \$4,000 to \$5,500 beginning with their next terms of office.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Calvert County personnel expenditures would increase by \$2,600 in FY 2009 and by \$8,700 in FY 2012. Revenues would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The President of the Calvert County Board of Education is entitled to receive \$5,000 annually and the four other voting members are entitled to receive \$4,000 annually. Three board members are elected from three county commissioner districts and two members are elected from the county at-large. Voting members serve four-year staggered terms. There is also a nonvoting student member on the board who serves for one year beginning in July. The board president is chosen annually by the board members.

Salary adjustments for elected officials take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which is January 2009 for the members elected from commissioner districts and January 2011 for members elected from the county at-large.

**Background:** Calvert County Board of Education salaries were last increased by Chapter 55 of 2002. The president's annual salary increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and the members' annual salaries increased from \$2,000 to \$4,000. **Exhibit 1** shows the salaries for boards of education members and their presidents for nearby Maryland counties.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**Annual Salaries for Boards of Education Members**  
**Selected Maryland Counties**

<u>County</u>	<u>Board President</u>	<u>Board Member</u>
Anne Arundel	\$3,600	\$3,600
Calvert	5,000	4,000
Charles	5,000	4,000
Montgomery	22,500	18,500
Prince George's	19,000	18,000
St. Mary's	7,000	6,000

Note: The Anne Arundel County Board of Education President and members do not receive an annual salary. Instead, they receive a \$300 stipend per month.

Source: *Salary Survey of Maryland Local Governments, FY 2007*, Institute for Governmental Service and Research, *et al.*

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**Local Fiscal Effect:** Calvert County personnel expenditures could increase by \$2,604 in fiscal 2009, reflecting the six-month period between January and July 2009. Personnel expenditures are expected to increase by \$8,681 by fiscal 2012. This estimate assumes a constant fringe benefits contribution rate of 15.75% as advised by the county. **Exhibit 2** shows the fiscal effect of increasing the salaries of the board of education members.

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**Exhibit 2**  
**Increased Salaries for Calvert County Board of Education Members**  
**Fiscal 2008-2012**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
3 Commissioner District Members	\$0	\$2,604	\$5,209	\$5,209	\$5,209
2 County At-large Members	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,736</u>	<u>3,473</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,604</b>	<b>\$5,209</b>	<b>\$6,945</b>	<b>\$8,681</b>

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Calvert County; *Salary Survey of Maryland Local Governments, FY 2007*, Institute for Governmental Research, *et al.*; Department of Legislative Services

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