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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 99 (Senators Klausmeier and Harris)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Education - Baltimore County Board of Education - School Board Nominating  
Convention of Baltimore County**

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This bill establishes a School Board Nominating Convention to recommend prospective candidates for the Baltimore County Board of Education to the Governor. Except for the student member, each member appointed by the Governor to the county board of education is selected from a list provided by the School Board Nominating Convention. Lists of nominees submitted to the Governor will include at least three names or the total number of applicants if there are fewer than three. The bill also reiterates that each member of the Baltimore County Board of Education must be a resident of the county.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Assuming members of the School Board Nominating Convention are not compensated or reimbursed, the bill would not affect Baltimore County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Baltimore County Board of Education consists of 12 members appointed by the Governor, of whom four are from the county at large, seven are from each of the county's councilmanic districts, and one is a student.

**Background:** The Baltimore County Board of Education is one of seven appointed school boards in the State, of which one (Queen Anne's County) is in the process of

transitioning to an elected board. Another 17 local boards of education are elected by county voters. The selection method and number of school board members for each of the 24 local boards are shown in **Exhibit 1**.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**Local Boards of Education**  
**Members and Selection Methods**

<u>County</u>	<u>Full Voting Members</u>	<u>Appointed Members</u>	<u>Elected Members From County At Large</u>	<u>Elected Members From Districts</u>	<u>Student Member(s)</u>
Allegany	5	0	5	0	1
Anne Arundel	7	7	0	0	1
Baltimore City*	9	9	0	0	1
Baltimore	11	11	0	0	1
Calvert	5	0	2	3	1
Caroline	5	5	0	0	0
Carroll	5	0	5	0	1
Cecil	5	0	0	5	1
Charles	7	0	7	0	1
Dorchester	5	0	0	5	2
Frederick	7	0	7	0	0
Garrett	5	0	2	3	1
Harford	7	7	0	0	1
Howard	7	0	7	0	0
Kent	5	0	5	0	0
Montgomery	7	0	2	5	1
Prince George's	9	0	4	5	1
Queen Anne's**	5	5	0	0	0
St. Mary's	5	0	1	4	1
Somerset	5	0	0	5	0
Talbot	7	0	0	7	1
Washington	7	0	7	0	0
Wicomico	7	7	0	0	0
Worcester	7	0	0	7	3

\*The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners is appointed jointly by the Governor and mayor.

\*\*The Queen Anne's County board will begin transitioning to an elected board at the 2008 general election.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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