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FISCAL NOTE  
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Senate Bill 536

(Senator Muse, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

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State Board of Education - Student Member Voting Rights Act

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This bill authorizes the student member on the State Board of Education to vote on matters relating to the budget.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2010.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** The bill does not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** The student member on the State Board of Education may not vote on matters related to (1) the dismissal of or other disciplinary action involving personnel; (2) budget; and (3) appeals to the State board. The student member is chosen by the Governor from a list of two nominees submitted by the Maryland Association of Student Councils and serves a one-year term of office. A student member may be reappointed but may not serve more than two terms. The student member must be a Maryland public high school student in good standing.

In addition to the student member, the State Board of Education is made up of 11 individuals appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

These members serve four-year terms of office and may not serve more than two full terms.

**Background:** Legislation enacted in 1993 (Chapter 534) allowed the student member to participate in executive sessions of the board and vote on many of the issues before the board. The student member on the Anne Arundel County Board of Education has full voting rights, and student members on five other local boards – Baltimore City and Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties – have limited voting rights.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** HB 1408 of 2002 received a hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee, but no further action was taken.

**Cross File:** HB 1287 (Delegate Ali) - Ways and Means.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland State Department of Education, Department of Legislative Services

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