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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 277 (Senator Simonaire)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Anne Arundel County Board of Education - Nonstudent Members - Political
Affiliation**

This bill requires that no more than five nonstudent members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education may be of the same political party.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2011, and does not apply to board members who have been appointed and are serving before the effective date.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County finances are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Anne Arundel County Board of Education consists of nine members, of whom three members are appointed from the county at large, five members are appointed from each of the five legislative districts in the county, and one is a student member. Except for the student member, the Governor must appoint a member of the county board from a list of nominees submitted by the School Board Nominating Commission of Anne Arundel County. Members must be solely appointed because of fitness and character and without regard to political affiliation.

Following the initial appointment of a board member by the Governor, a member may continue to serve for the remainder of the member's first term subject to the approval or rejection of the registered voters of the county at the next general election. A board member may serve for a second consecutive term subject to the approval or rejection by the registered voters of the county at the next general election.

The student board member must be a regularly enrolled senior-year student of good character and in good standing in an Anne Arundel County public high school, and be selected in the student's junior year by a method selected by the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils of Anne Arundel County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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