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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 898

(Senator Dyson)

Finance

Ways and Means

St. Mary's County - Noncertificated Public School Employees - Service Fee

This bill requires the St. Mary's County Board of Education to negotiate with the employee organizations representing noncertificated board employees reasonable service fees to be charged to nonmembers for representation in negotiations and grievance matters. Only employees hired on or after July 1, 2011, may be charged this fee.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2011.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Any additional administrative workload for the St. Mary's County Public School System can be managed with existing personnel and resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The St. Mary's County Board of Education and the employee organizations representing noncertificated public school employees are not authorized to charge a fee to nonmembers.

Nonmember service fees for noncertificated employees are required in Baltimore City and Allegany, Charles, Howard, and Montgomery counties; and authorized in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, and Garrett counties.

Background: Generally, noncertificated local board of education employees include building maintenance staff, school bus drivers, support staff, and other staff who do not require professional teaching certification.

Local Fiscal Effect: While the unions representing St. Mary's County public school employees may receive additional revenues from nonmember service fees, St. Mary's County finances are not affected. Any increase in the administrative workload for the St. Mary's County Public School System can be met with existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 626 of 2010 passed the Senate and received a hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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