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Senate Bill 660

(Carroll County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

Carroll County - Board of Education - Selection of Student Member

This bill adds a nonvoting student member to the Carroll County Board of Education beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. The student member must be a rising eleventh or twelfth grade student in the county school system elected by county public high school students in accordance with procedures established by the county school system.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill codifies current practice of the Carroll County Board of Education. The Carroll County Public School System can establish procedures for electing the student member of the county school board with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The nonvoting student member of the Carroll County Board of Education (county board) serves for one year, beginning June 1; advises the county board on the thoughts and feelings of the students; and unless invited to attend by a majority vote of the county board, the student may not attend an executive session of the county board.

Current Law: The Carroll County Board of Education consists of five elected and voting members and the county commissioners, who are nonvoting *ex-officio* members. Each voting member serves for a term of four years, beginning on the first Monday in December after the member's election and until a successor is elected and qualifies. Members' terms are staggered. The board chairman receives an annual salary of \$7,500, while other board members receive an annual salary of \$6,500.

Background: Consistent with Carroll County Board of Education policy, there is a student representative on the county school board. The student representative is elected annually by the Carroll County Student Government Association (CCSGA). At the county school board's monthly meetings, the student representative provides an update on CCSGA activities. The student representative is provided the opportunity to vote on issues other than personnel matters, the votes of the student representative do not count toward determining school board action.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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