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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 300 (Senators Zirkin and Brochin)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore County - Board of Education - Prohibited Members

This bill prohibits a regulated lobbyist, or the spouse of a regulated lobbyist, from being appointed as a member of the Baltimore County Board of Education.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The proposed change does not directly affect Baltimore County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Baltimore County Board of Education consists of 12 members appointed by the Governor: 1 member from each of the 7 councilmanic districts in the county, 4 from the county at large, and 1 student member. Under state ethics laws, lobbyists on State-created boards and commissions are subject to specific reporting requirements, and as with other members are constrained by specified conflict of interest provisions. However, there is no specific prohibition that precludes a lobbyist, or the spouse of a lobbyist, from serving on a local board of education.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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