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Senate Bill 635 (Senator Simonaire)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Anne Arundel County - School Board - Membership

This bill restructures the Anne Arundel County Board of Education from a 9-member appointed board (including 1 student member) to an 11-member hybrid board consisting of 7 elected members (1 from each of the 7 councilmanic districts on a nonpartisan basis); 3 appointed members (1 appointed by the Governor, the county executive, and the county council); and 1 student member.

The transition occurs after the primary and general elections of 2016 and after the commencement of terms of members elected following those elections.

The bill takes effect January 1, 2015.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures increase minimally beginning in FY 2017 for the State Board of Elections to develop additional election ballot styles.

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County expenditures increase by \$31,400 in FY 2017 and by \$34,200 annually beginning in FY 2018, to cover salaries and expenses for two additional school board members, plus additional one-time costs. Local election costs increase minimally beginning in FY 2017 to cover the local share of developing additional election ballot styles. **This bill imposes a mandate on a unit of local government.**

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: Commencing with the term that begins December 5, 2016, the Governor, the Anne Arundel County Executive, and the Anne Arundel County Council must appoint a member to the county board from a list of nominees submitted by the School Board Nominating Commission of Anne Arundel County. The commission must submit at least two nominees to the appointing authorities for each vacancy on the county board, unless there are fewer than two applicants for a vacancy.

An appointed member is eligible for nomination and reappointment for a second consecutive term. Reappointment will no longer be subject to voter approval. Except for the student member, the terms of the appointed board members in office on December 4, 2016, terminate on that date. Except for the student member, board members serve four-year terms.

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.

The School Board Nominating Commission of Anne Arundel County was established in 2007 (Chapter 454). The commission must submit at least two nominees to the Governor for each vacancy for the county board, unless there are fewer than two applicants for a vacancy.

Chapters 177 and 178 of 2011 specify that a member of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education must be appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the School Board Nominating Commission, subject to election by the registered voters of the county at the general election following the member's nomination and appointment, regardless of whether that member is serving a first or second term.

Background: The Anne Arundel County Board of Education is one of four appointed school boards in the State. There are 17 elected school boards in the State and three counties have hybrid boards including both elected and appointed members. **Appendix – Local Boards of Education** shows the selection methods, terms of office, and membership of the 24 local boards of education.

State Fiscal Effect: Costs associated with generating several new ballot styles for elections in Anne Arundel County, beginning in fiscal 2017, will be shared with the county government.

Local Fiscal Effect: The President of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education receives \$8,000 annually as compensation and, except for the student member, board members receive \$6,000 each annually. In addition, members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education are reimbursed for local travel and other expenses related to attending meetings and transacting board business, subscriptions, and travel to conferences.

Accounting for the December 2016 start date for the institution of an 11-member board, county expenditures for board member salaries and expenses increase by approximately \$19,900 in fiscal 2017 and by approximately \$34,200 annually beginning in fiscal 2018 as shown in **Exhibit 1**. Additional one-time expenditures for board room renovations and furnishing, and purchase of two additional laptop computers, totaling approximately \$11,500, are assumed to be made in fiscal 2017.

Exhibit 1
Potential Increase in Anne Arundel County Expenditures

	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>
Salaries	\$7,000	\$12,000
Fringe Benefits	540	920
Expense Reimbursements	12,390	21,240
One-time Expenses	11,500	0
Total	\$31,430	\$34,160

Anne Arundel County board of elections costs increase minimally to cover the county share of costs associated with generating several new ballot styles for elections, beginning in fiscal 2017.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 107 of 2013 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. Its cross file, HB 971 of 2013, received a hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee, but no further action was taken. SB 22 of 2012 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. Its cross file, HB 580 of 2012, received a hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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Appendix – Local Boards of Education

<u>School System</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Means of Selection¹</u>	
Allegany	7	4 years	E	5 from county at large 1 commissioner <i>ex officio</i> (nonvoting) 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Anne Arundel	9	5 years	A	3 from county at large 5 from legislative districts 1 student (one-year term)
Baltimore City	10	3 years	A	9 from city at large 1 student (one-year term)
Baltimore	12	5 years	A	4 from county at large 7 from council districts 1 student (one-year term)
Calvert	6	4 years	E	2 from county at large 3 from commissioner districts 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Caroline	7	4 years	A/E	3 elected from school board districts 2 appointed from county at large 2 students (nonvoting, one-year term)
Carroll	9	4 years	E	5 from county at large 3 commissioners <i>ex officio</i> (nonvoting) 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Cecil	6	4 years	E	5 from commissioner districts 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Charles	8	4 years	E	7 from county at large 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Dorchester	7	4 years	E	5 from council districts 2 students (nonvoting, one-year term)
Frederick	8	4 years	E	7 from county at large 1 student (nonvoting, one year term)
Garrett	7	4 years	E	2 from county at large 3 from commissioner districts 1 commissioner <i>ex officio</i> (nonvoting) 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)

<u>School System</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Means of Selection</u> ¹
Harford	11	4 years	A/E 6 elected from council districts 3 appointed 1 superintendent <i>ex officio</i> (nonvoting) 1 student (one-year term)
Howard	8	4 years	E 7 from county at large 1 student (one-year term)
Kent	6	4 years	E 5 from county at large 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Montgomery	8	4 years	E 2 from county at large 5 from school board districts 1 student (one-year term)
Prince George's	14	4 years	A/E 9 elected from school board districts 4 appointed 1 student (one-year term)
Queen Anne's	7	4 years	E 1 from county at large 4 from commissioner districts 2 students (nonvoting, one-year term)
St. Mary's	6	4 years	E 1 from county at large 4 from commissioner districts 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Somerset	5	4 years	E All from commissioner districts
Talbot	8	4 years	E 7 from school board districts 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Washington	8	4 years	E 7 from county at large 1 student (nonvoting, one-year term)
Wicomico	7	5 years	A All from county at large
Worcester	10	4 years	E 7 from commissioner districts 3 students (nonvoting, one-year term)

¹A = Appointed by Governor, except in Baltimore City where board is appointed jointly by the Governor and the Mayor.
E = Elected. A/E = Combined appointed and elected board. In Prince George's County, 3 members appointed by the County Executive and 1 member appointed by the county council.

Source: Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article, Sections 3-101 through 3-1405; local board of education websites