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House Bill 87

(Baltimore County Delegation)

Ways and Means

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore County Board of Education – Nonstudent Member Compensation and Student Member Scholarships

This bill increases the compensation amount for nonstudent members of the Baltimore County Board of Education from \$100 to \$7,500 annually. The bill also increases the scholarship amount of a student member who completes a full term from \$100 to \$1,000. The bill's changes take effect beginning with the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore County expenditures increase by \$82,300 annually once the salary increases are fully implemented. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Each nonstudent member of the Baltimore County Board of Education is entitled to receive \$100 annually as compensation. A student member who completes a full term on the board is granted a scholarship of \$100 to be applied toward the student's higher education costs. In addition, after submitting specified documentation, a board member is entitled to travel allowances and other expenses to the extent the county budget allows.

Background: Chapters 480 and 481 of 2014 restructured the Baltimore County Board of Education from a 12-member appointed board (including 1 student member) to a

12-member board consisting of 4 at-large members appointed by the Governor, 7 nonpartisan members each elected from one of seven councilmanic districts, and a student member. The elected members will be elected at the general election in November 2018 and every four years thereafter.

In addition, Chapters 480 and 481 of 2014 established the Baltimore County Nominating Commission. The commission is responsible for selecting eight nominees to be recommended to the Governor as qualified candidates for appointment to the Baltimore County Board of Education. The commission consists of 19 members of the county and must reflect the diversity of the county. Except in extenuating circumstances, the Governor must appoint members to the board of education from the list the nominating commission provides.

Local Expenditures: Because the bill increases compensation levels for board members, expenditures for the Baltimore County Board of Education increase by \$82,300 annually once the compensation increases are fully implemented. The bill requires that the higher compensation amounts take effect with the next term of office. The terms of nine members begin in December 2018 (five months into fiscal 2019). The terms of the other two nonstudent members begin in December 2019 and December 2020, respectively (five months into fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2021). The term of a student member is one year. **Exhibit 1** shows the estimated phase in of the compensation increase for board members (including the student member), with the full impact occurring in fiscal 2022.

Exhibit 1
Additional Compensation Expenditures under the Bill
Fiscal 2019-2023

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Salaries</u>
2019	\$39,750
2020	71,817
2021	79,217
2022	82,300
2023	82,300

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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