Education - Accountability and Implementation Board - Membership

This bill alters the membership of the Accountability and Implementation Board by adding four members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The additional board members must be chosen from a slate of nominees provided by the Accountability and Implementation Board Nominating Committee. The bill requires that, on or before August 1, 2022, the nominating committee must submit a slate of nominees that comprise one member who is a resident of Western Maryland, one member who is a resident of Southern Maryland, one member who is a resident of the Eastern Shore, and one member who is a resident of Prince George’s County. The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any additional expenditures for board member expense reimbursements are assumed to be minimal and can be absorbed with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill increases, from 7 to 11, the number of members appointed to the Accountability and Implementation Board. Of the 11 board members:

- one member must be a resident of Western Maryland, which consists of Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties;
one member must be a resident of Southern Maryland, which consists of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s counties;

one member must be a resident of the Eastern Shore, which consists of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties; and

there must be one member from each of the five jurisdictions with the largest student populations in the State, which are Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties.

**Current Law:** The Accountability and Implementation Board, which is charged with overseeing implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future, consists of seven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Board members are chosen from a slate prepared by the nominating committee in accordance with § 5-403 of the Education Article. Board members must be appointed by the Governor within 30 days of receiving the slate of nominees. Generally, the board must consist of individuals who collectively (1) reflect, to the extent practicable, the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State and (2) have a high level of knowledge and expertise in various education policy areas.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

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