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Senate Bill 887 (Senator King)
Education, Energy, and the Environment

County Boards of Education - Reappointment of Incumbent County
Superintendent - Authorization

This bill alters the timeline for the reappointment of a county school superintendent. Under the bill, at any point during an incumbent school superintendent's term, a county board of education may take action at a public meeting to reappoint the incumbent superintendent to serve a new term of four years beginning the following July 1. This action, however, must be taken by March 1 of the year in which the contract is being renewed. The bill also removes the requirement that an incumbent superintendent notify the county board of their intent to be a candidate for reappointment. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2025.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill is procedural in nature and should not directly affect school expenditures.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The term of a county school superintendent is four years starting on July 1 and continues until a successor is appointed and qualifies. In the year in which a term begins, the county board of education must appoint the superintendent between February 1 and June 30. However, if the county board decides to reappoint the incumbent superintendent, the county board must take final action at a public meeting no later than March 1 of that year. If the county board is unable to appoint a superintendent by July 1 of

a year in which a term begins, the county board must appoint an interim superintendent who serves until the next July 1.

In the year in which a term ends, the county school superintendent must notify the county board of education by February 1 on whether they intend to be a candidate for reappointment.

These provisions do not apply to Baltimore City or Prince George's County.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 1512 (Delegate Ebersole) - Rules and Executive Nominations.

Information Source(s): Maryland State Department of Education; Baltimore City Public Schools; Anne Arundel County Public Schools; Baltimore County Public Schools; Charles County Public Schools; Frederick County Public Schools; Wicomico County Public Schools; Department of Legislative Services

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