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**HB1524-Wicomico County Board of Education-**  
**Election of Members, Student Member, and Compensation**  
**Support with Amendment #373420/1**

House Bill 1524 adds a nonvoting student member to the Wicomico County Board of Education and requires that, beginning with the general election in 2026, the seven elected members of the board must each be elected from one of the seven councilmanic districts in the county. As a result, there are no at-large members of the board under the bill. The bill also authorizes the Wicomico County Council to set a salary greater than the current annual compensation amounts required for members (\$3,700) and board chair (\$4,000). Elected and student members are entitled to reimbursement for travel and other expenses, as provided in the county board's budget, upon submission of vouchers in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the board. The student member is not entitled to any compensation or payment beyond reimbursement for expenses incurred in their capacity as a board member.

Thank you for your consideration of HB1524 and I would respectfully request a favorable report.