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House Bill 209
Ways and Means

(Charles County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Charles County - Board of Education - Salaries and Expenses

This bill increases the salaries for the members of the Charles County Board of Education beginning with their next term of office on January 1, 2015. The salary of the board's chair increases from \$5,000 to \$7,000, the salary of the other six nonstudent members, including the vice chair, increases from \$4,000 to \$6,000. The amount each nonstudent member, other than the chair, receives annually for travel and expenses increases from \$600 to \$800 beginning January 1, 2015. A student member who completes a full (one-year) term on the board is entitled to a \$1,000 higher education scholarship. Supporting receipts are required for reimbursements to the student member for allowable expenses. After submitting vouchers and supporting receipts, the nonstudent members are entitled to a maximum of \$1,000 annually for expenses connected to attendance at out-of-county meetings and conferences related to board duties. The bill also replaces the title "chairman" with "chair" and the title "vice chairman" with "vice chair."

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Charles County expenditures increase by \$12,100 in FY 2015 and by \$23,200 in FY 2016 and each subsequent year. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Charles County Board of Education consists of seven voting members and one nonvoting student member who is not paid. Board members are elected from the county at large in the same year as the Maryland gubernatorial election

and serve four-year terms. The chair of the board earns an annual salary of \$5,000 and other voting members of the board earn \$4,000 annually. Each nonstudent member is entitled to annual compensation for travel and expenses, in the amount of \$1,500 for the chair and \$600 for the other six nonstudent members. Salary adjustments for board members take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office. After submitting expense vouchers, the student member may be reimbursed for expenses connected with official duties approved by the board.

Background: Chapter 89 of 2001 increased the salaries for the members of the Charles County Board of Education beginning with their next term of office on January 1, 2003. The salary of the board's chair increased from \$3,820 to \$5,000, the salary of the vice chair increased from \$3,500 to \$4,000, and the salaries of the other five voting members increased from \$3,185 to \$4,000.

Local Expenditures: Annual salaries increase by \$2,000 for each of seven nonstudent members of the Charles County Board of Education for a total of \$14,000. Payment for travel and other expenses increases by up to \$1,000 for the board chair and up to \$1,200 for each nonstudent member for a total of \$8,200. Annual costs also increase by \$1,000 for the student member scholarship (assuming the student member completes a full one-year term). The increases for salaries, expenses, and the student scholarship result in a total annual increase of \$23,200.

The salary and expenses increases would begin midway through fiscal 2015, while the student scholarship will be the full \$1,000. Therefore the impact in fiscal 2015 is \$12,100. Future year expenditures reflect the full \$23,200 increase.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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