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Senate Bill 572 (Senator Kelley, *et al.*)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore County Board of Education - Appointments by Governor - Advice and Consent of the Senate

This bill requires that the appointment by the Governor of the four appointed members of the Baltimore County Board of Education be made with the advice and consent of the Senate. The advice and consent of the Senate is also required for the appointment of a board member, including an appointment to fill a vacancy, that is made in accordance with Chapters 480 and 481 of 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The Senate can provide advice and consent regarding appointments to the Baltimore County Board of Education using existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: 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 council districts (school board districts), and a student member. Restructuring of the board began December 7, 2015, and is fully realized by December 3, 2018. Every four years at the general election one member will be elected from each of seven council districts. Additional members are appointed within 30 days of the general election or of a vacancy on the board. In appointing members to the

board, the Governor must ensure, to the extent practicable, that the total makeup of the board reflects gender, ethnic, and racial diversity. Chapters 480 and 481 also established the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission and provided for the selection of its members.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 569 (Delegate Jones, *et al.*) - Ways and Means.

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