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Senate Bill 359

(Carroll County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

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Carroll County - Board of Education - Student Representative

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This bill establishes a \$3,500 scholarship for a student representative who completes a full term on the Carroll County Board of Education. The scholarship must be applied to the student's higher education costs and be paid directly to the educational institution that the student attends. The student representative may receive up to two scholarships of \$3,500 each – regardless of the number of terms served. The bill also allows the student to receive reimbursement for travel and other expenses that are incurred in the performance of official duties for the board. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Carroll County Board of Education expenditures increase by \$3,500 annually beginning in FY 2019 to provide the scholarship established by the bill. Board expenditures also increase, likely minimally, beginning in FY 2019 for the expense reimbursements allowed under the bill. Revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law/Background:** The Carroll County Board of Education consists of five elected members, five nonvoting county commissioners, and one student member. The president of the board receives \$7,500 annually and the other voting members receive \$6,500 annually. The student member does not receive compensation.

**Local Expenditures:** The bill only applies to a student member whose term ends after the bill's July 1, 2018 effective date. Thus, board of education expenditures increase by \$3,500 beginning in fiscal 2019.

Because the bill also specifies that the student member may, upon the submission of expense vouchers, be entitled to reimbursement for expenses related to service on the board, expenditures also increase for the board to pay any qualifying expenses. However, any reimbursements provided under the bill's authorization are expected to be minimal each year.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** Although designated as a cross file, HB 621 (Carroll County Delegation - Ways and Means) is not identical.

**Information Source(s):** Carroll County; Department of Legislative Services

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