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House Bill 243  
Ways and Means

(Montgomery County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Montgomery County – Board of Education – Student Member Scholarship MC  
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This bill alters the amount of the scholarship a student must receive who completes a full term as a student member of the Montgomery County Board of Education. The bill requires the scholarship to be applied toward the student’s higher education costs. The scholarship (1) must be equal to the highest annual resident undergraduate tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board that is charged at a four-year public institution of higher education within the University System of Maryland (USM) for the academic year in which the student member serves on the board but (2) may not exceed the amount that an elected member of the board is entitled to receive as compensation in that year. This calculation does not include the costs for the University of Maryland Global Campus or the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Montgomery County Board of Education expenditures increase by up to \$20,000 in FY 2023. Future year expenditures increase in accordance with the specified costs to attend a public four-year institution and the compensation of elected members. Revenues are not affected. **This bill imposes a mandate on a unit of local government.**

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** The Montgomery County Board of Education consists of seven elected members and one student member. Elected members serve four-year terms; the student member serves a one-year term.

The student member must be a resident of Montgomery County and a regularly enrolled junior or senior year student from a Montgomery County public high school. The student member is elected via a process agreed on by the county board and the Montgomery County region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils.

An elected member of the board receives \$25,000 annually as compensation, in addition to reimbursement for travel and other expenses as determined by the Montgomery County Council. The president of the board receives an additional \$4,000 (*i.e.*, \$29,000 annually). These amounts may also be set through legislation based on the recommendations of the Montgomery County Board of Education Compensation Commission in accordance with State law.

A student member may not receive compensation, but after submitting expense vouchers, may be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses incurred in connection with official duties.

A student member who completes a full term is granted a scholarship of \$5,000 to be applied toward the student's higher education costs. This amount may also be set through legislation based on recommendations of the Montgomery County Board of Education Compensation Commission in accordance with State law.

**Local Expenditures:** The University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) charged the highest annual resident tuition and fees among specified USM institutions totaling \$12,280 in fiscal 2022. Factoring in the cost of a standard double room and average board costs, UMBC also charges more than any other specified institution for combined tuition, fees, and room and board totaling approximately \$24,300 for a resident student. This represents a \$19,300 increase over the current \$5,000 scholarship. The actual increase in county expenditures in fiscal 2023 and future years will depend on the highest tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board charged by USM institutions. Expenditures increase by at most \$20,000 in any future fiscal year in which the highest tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board charged by USM institutions exceeds \$25,000, the current compensation of an elected member of the board. To the extent the compensation of elected members increases in future fiscal years, the maximum potential amount of the scholarship increases accordingly.

## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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