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Senate Bill 318 (Senator Feldman, *et al.*)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Education - School Safety Subcabinet Advisory Board - Membership

This bill adds a representative of nonpublic special education schools to the School Safety Subcabinet Advisory Board, appointed by the Governor. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Any expense reimbursements for the additional member are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 30 of 2018, the Maryland Safe to Learn Act, established the School Safety Subcabinet, which consists of the following individuals or their designees:

- the State Superintendent of Schools;
- the Secretary of Health;
- the Secretary of State Police;
- the Attorney General;
- the Secretary of the Department of Disabilities; and
- the Executive Director of the Interagency Commission on School Construction.

The State Superintendent or designee chairs the subcabinet and the Executive Director of Maryland Center for School Safety provides staff.

The subcabinet is charged with multiple responsibilities, chief among them (1) collaborating with various stakeholders to provide a comprehensive, coordinated approach to school safety; (2) initiating collaborative partnerships and facilitating coordination among stakeholders to leverage existing resources to deliver school safety services uniformly to local school systems; (3) distributing grants from the Safe Schools Fund; and (4) adopting regulations to carry out its responsibilities. The subcabinet must submit an annual report with specified information.

Chapter 30 also established the School Safety Subcabinet Advisory Board, which includes a broad array of 23 stakeholders to advise and assist the subcabinet in carrying out its duties. A member of the advisory board may not receive compensation but is entitled to reimbursement of expenses.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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