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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

Senate Bill 1162 (Washington County Senators)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Washington County - Superintendent of Schools - Appointment and Reappointment**

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This bill repeals the exemption of the Washington County Superintendent of Schools and the Washington County Board of Education from requirements related to the appointment and reappointment of the superintendent of schools. As a result, the superintendent and county board are subject to appointment and reappointment requirements that generally apply to other jurisdictions in the State. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect Washington County finances or operations.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Generally, the term of a county superintendent is four years beginning on July 1. The superintendent continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

By February 1 of the year in which a term ends, the superintendent must notify the board of education whether the superintendent is a candidate for reappointment. The board must appoint a superintendent between February 1 and June 30 of the year in which a term begins. However, if the board decides to reappoint the incumbent superintendent, the board

must take final action at a public meeting by March 1 of that year. These requirements, however, do not apply in Washington County.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 1712 (Washington County Delegation) - Rules and Executive Nominations.

**Information Source(s):** Washington County; Maryland State Department of Education; Department of Legislative Services

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