

HOUSE BILL 81: Increase Halifax Co. Bd. of Ed. Compensation.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee: House Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, **Date:** March 8, 2023

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 81 would set the compensation for the Chair and Members of the Halifax County Board of Education, authorize the Halifax County Board of Education, by majority vote, to provide for future increases in compensation, and authorize the establishment of an expense allowance.

CURRENT LAW: Under G.S. 115C-38, compensation for the chair and members of the Halifax County Board of Education is set by the Halifax County Board of Commissioners. The Halifax County Board of Education is not authorized to set its own compensation.

Under G.S. 163-107, the fee for filing a notice of candidacy for a county school board is 1% of the annual salary.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 81 would set the compensation of the Chair of the Halifax County Board of Education at \$650 a month and the compensation of the members at \$550 a month. Beginning July 1, 2023, the Halifax County Board of Education could, by majority vote, establish an expense allowance for the chair and board members. Beginning July 1, 2025, the Halifax County Board of Education could, by majority vote, increase its compensation in an amount not to exceed 4% in any 4 year period.

Increasing the compensation of a member of the board of education will increase the filing fee for a notice of candidacy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: House Bill 81 would become effective July 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND: S.L. 2022-33 gave the Weldon City Board of Education the same compensation and authority as House Bill 81.

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