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House Bill 1332 (Delegate Fisher)
Government, Labor, and Elections

Calvert County - County Commissioners - Prohibited Agreements

This bill prohibits the Calvert County Commissioners, or a person acting on behalf of the commissioners, from entering into a nondisclosure agreement (NDA) or a confidentiality agreement with another person. A provision in an agreement that is made in violation of this prohibition is void and unenforceable. The bill applies prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any NDA or confidentiality agreement in effect before October 1, 2026.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Calvert County Commissioners are broadly authorized to take all actions necessary and proper to implement the powers and duties granted to them by State and local law. Generally, Calvert County does not prohibit a county commissioner or their representative from entering into NDA or confidentiality agreements with businesses or other entities.

Local Fiscal Effect: Calvert County advises that, though infrequent, government entities may enter an NDA with business entities, particularly when those businesses are publicly traded or when their products, financial information, or business models are sensitive in

nature. Calvert County advises that prohibiting a county commissioner or person acting on behalf of the commissioners from entering into NDAs or confidentiality agreements could discourage companies from engaging with economic development organizations.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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