HB 1253

Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 1253 (Chairman, Ways and Means Committee)
(Departmental - Education)
Ways and Means

Education - Fees for Teacher Certificates

This departmental bill increases teacher certification fees from $10 to $50. The Governor's fiscal 1997 budget allowance for the Maryland State Department of Education (Division of Certification and Accreditation) includes a $520,000 special fund appropriation contingent upon the enactment of this legislation.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund revenues would increase by approximately $540,000 in FY 1997. Special fund expenditures would increase by $520,000 in FY 1997. Future year revenues reflect an increase in the number of teachers receiving certification and future year expenditures reflect inflation.

(in dollars)	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
SF Revenues	$540,000	$550,800	$558,000	$563,000	$565,800
SF Expenditures	520,000	530,400	541,000	551,800	562,900
Net Effect	$20,000	$20,400	$17,000	$11,200	$2,900

Note: ( ) - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: Local expenditures could increase depending upon whether local boards of education reimburse teachers for the certification fee.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Education has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Approximately 13,500 teacher certifications would be issued or renewed in fiscal 1997. Under current law the State imposes a $10 issuance and renewal fee, however, this bill would increase the fee to $50, generating an additional $540,000 in special fund revenue. Future year revenues could increase by $550,800 in fiscal 1998 and $565,800 in fiscal 2001. This estimate assumes that the number of new teachers would grow at the same rate as student enrollment.

The Governor's budget allowance for the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) includes a $520,000 special fund appropriation contingent upon the enactment of this bill. The increase in special fund revenues reduces the amount of general funds that are needed to administer MSDE's teacher certification and accreditation program. The Governor's fiscal 1997 budget allowance for the Division of Certification and Accreditation includes a $1.16 million general fund appropriation, down from $1.8 million in fiscal 1996.

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