

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1067 (Delegate Muse, et al.)  
Environmental Matters

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**Task Force to Study Effect of the Drug Ritalin on School Children**

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This bill establishes a 13-member task force to study the effect of the drug ritalin on school children. The task force is required to determine the prevalence and effects of the use of ritalin among school aged children and whether there are other forms of treatment for attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder besides the use of ritalin. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) are required to provide staff support. The task force's findings and recommendations are due to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 1997. This legislation takes effect October 1, 1996 and sunsets on January 1, 1997.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Any expense reimbursements for members of the task force and staffing costs for MSDE and DHMH are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources. Revenues would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

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