

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
2000 Session

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 1284 (Delegate Shriver. *et al.*)

Ways and Means

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**Judith P. Hoyer Blue Ribbon Commission on the Financing of Early Child Care and Education**

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The bill establishes a 25-member Judith P. Hoyer Blue Ribbon Commission on the Financing of Early Child Care and Education. The purpose of the commission is to study the costs and availability of funding for early child care. Staffing will be provided by the Department of Legislative Services. The commission shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an interim report by December 31, 2000 and a final report by December 31, 2001.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2000 and sunsets December 31, 2001.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Any expense reimbursements for commission members and staffing costs for the Department of Legislative Services could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** None applicable.

**Background:** In 1999, the average annual cost for child care for a child under the age of five was \$6,112. As the demand for these services has grown and the costs have increased, there has been growing interest, at many levels, in finding creative financing sources.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 869 (Senator Kasemeyer) - Budget and Taxation.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Education, Department of Human Resources,  
Department of Legislative Services

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