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FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 869 (Senator Kasemever)

Budget and Taxation

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

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.

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.

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.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1284 (Delegate Shriver) - Ways and Means.

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