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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 124 (Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Education)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Ways and Means

**Education Coordinating Committee and Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources
Center - Repeal**

This departmental bill repeals the Education Coordinating Committee and the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill is administrative in nature and does not affect State funding. The coordination duties of the Education Coordinating Committee are now being handled by the Governor's P-20 Leadership Council of Maryland, and the Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center ceased its operations in 1991.

Local Effect: None.

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

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The coordinating role that the Education Coordinating Committee was assigned is duplicative and is now being addressed by the Governor's P-20 Leadership Council of Maryland.

The Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center was a unique public elementary laboratory school where Towson University (TU) students could train as teachers, and it was controlled by the Education Coordinating Committee. It ceased its operations in 1991 after no State appropriation was made for the center for fiscal 1992. The preamble of Chapter 888 of 1982 stated that the Lida Lee Tall School had educated students since 1866 and was established as a model elementary school in 1933. However, the school was not specifically mentioned in statute until Chapter 455 of 1975, which allowed the Lida Lee Tall School to receive funding. Chapter 888 also placed the Lida Lee Tall School under the jurisdiction of the Education Coordinating Committee and gave it some structure and funding. Chapter 641 of 1984 changed the name to Lida Lee Tall Learning Resources Center, developed a Board of Trustees, and made other changes. The records of the Lida Lee Tall School are maintained in the Special Collections and Archives at TU's Albert S. Cook Library.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland Higher Education Commission, Towson University, Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Education Coordinating Committee - Repeal

BILL NUMBER: SB 124

PREPARED BY: Maryland State Department of Education

PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS

OR

WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

The proposed legislation will have no impact on small business in Maryland.