

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 920 (Delegate Dembrow, et al.)  
Ways and Means

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**Education - Certificate of Approval - Noncollegiate Educational Institutions -  
Exemption**

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This bill exempts noncollegiate educational institutions that do not receive State funding from the requirement to obtain a certificate of approval from the State Board of Education as a condition of operating within the State. These exempted institutions must submit annual reports to the State board on forms that the board may provide. The State board may refuse to grant the exemption or revoke the exemption under certain circumstances.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Reviewing selected information from noncollegiate educational institutions could be performed with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Effect:** The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) advises that four additional employees (three Staff Specialists and an Office Secretary) at a cost of \$195,500 would be required to conduct on-site investigations of any reporting violations.

The Department of Fiscal Services advises that MSDE already requires noncollegiate educational institutions to submit forms as a condition of obtaining certification. In addition, MSDE has four full-time and one part-time professional employees who conduct a cursory review of certification forms and who conduct on-site investigations when warranted. Further, this legislation does not require MSDE to conduct on-site investigations at every institution. Accordingly, the bill's requirements could be absorbed within existing departmental resources at no additional cost to the State.

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