

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 20 (Senator Ferguson)
Budget and Taxation and Economic and Environmental Affairs

Elementary and Secondary Education - Limiting Costs of Mandates

This bill provides that the costs of any new requirement or modification of any existing requirement imposed by the State Board of Education that results in expenditures exceeding \$1 million statewide be reimbursed by the State. The General Assembly, however, can waive this reimbursement requirement.

In addition, if the requirements exceed \$2.5 million statewide or result in State expenditures in excess of \$1 million, the requirements must be authorized through legislation with language included in the annual State budget.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Expenditures could increase to the extent that State funding is required for the support of future mandates imposed on the county boards of education. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: Local revenues could increase to the extent that additional State funding is required for the support of future mandates imposed on county boards of education. Local expenditures resulting from future State mandates could decline to the extent that the State provides additional funding.

Fiscal Analysis

Additional Comments: Based on Maryland State Department of Education records, the State Board of Education has not adopted any regulations within the last year that would have increased local expenditures by \$1 million. The only regulation that had a discernable fiscal impact involved substance abuse testing for school vehicle drivers. This regulation increased local expenditures by \$309,750 statewide; however, since the regulation was a federal requirement the bill's provisions would not have applied.

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