

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 121 (Delegate Owings)  
Appropriations

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**Education - Rehabilitation Services - Centers for Independent Living Fund**

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This bill establishes a Centers for Independent Living Fund in the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). A center for independent living that is accredited by the Division of Rehabilitation Services and the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council is eligible to receive moneys from this fund. Funding for these centers must comply with the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Assuming MSDE decides to administer funding and program requirements for centers for independent living, federal and special fund expenditures could increase by \$1,233,400 and federal fund revenues could increase by \$616,700 in FY 1997. Future year expenditures and revenues reflect projected annual increases in federal funding.

(in dollars)	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
FF Revenues	\$616,700	\$641,400	\$667,000	\$693,700	\$721,500
FF/SF ...	1,233,400	1,282,800	1,334,000	1,387,400	1,443,000
Net Effect	(\$616,700)	(\$641,400)	(\$667,000)	(\$693,700)	(\$721,500)

Note: ( ) - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

**Local Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Revenues:** Assuming MSDE decides to administer the Centers for Independent Living program, federal funds could increase by \$616,700 in fiscal 1997. Future year revenues reflect a 4% annual increase in federal funding.

**State Expenditures:** This bill establishes a Centers for Independent Living Fund within the Division of Rehabilitation Services in MSDE for the purpose of funding centers for independent living. There are currently four centers for independent living within the State that receive funding directly from the federal government. Federal funding in fiscal 1997 for the centers is projected to total approximately \$616,700. MSDE advises that states can elect to administer the program and receive federal funding; however, the State must provide funding in excess of the federal allotment.

Therefore, in order for Maryland to administer this program and receive federal funding, State general fund appropriations would have to exceed \$616,700, which would result in total funding of at least \$1,233,400. If the State government allocates less funds than the federal share (\$616,700), the federal government would continue to administer and fund the centers directly.

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