

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 261 (The Speaker) (Administration)

Ways and Means

Referred to Economic and Environmental Affairs

Education - School Performance Recognition Awards

This amended Administration bill establishes school performance recognition awards to public schools that show substantial improvement towards meeting standards of the Maryland School Performance Program. The State Board must establish guidelines for the determination of eligibility and the distribution of awards.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The FY 1997 State budget provides \$2.75 million in funding for the School Performance Recognition Awards contingent upon enactment of this legislation. The cost of administering the program could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: Local revenues and expenditures would increase by \$2.75 million in FY 1997.

Small Business Effect: A small business impact statement was not provided by the Administration in time for inclusion in this fiscal note. A revised fiscal note will be issued when the Administration's assessment becomes available.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Local revenues and expenditures would increase by \$2.75 million in fiscal 1997. The school improvement team of a recipient school is responsible for determining how the recognition money will be spent; however, the money cannot be used for staff bonuses or differential pay increases. State reporting requirements could be handled with existing resources.

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