

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 591 (Delegate Stup, et al.)  
Ways and Means

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**Education - Interim Alternative Educational Settings for Students with  
Disabilities Who Bring Firearms on School Property**

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This bill enables a disabled student who brings a firearm onto school property to be placed in an interim alternative education program.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1996.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Indeterminate minimal expenditure increase. Revenues would not be affected.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Expenditures:** Under current law a disabled student cannot be removed from the student's current educational placement for more than 10 school days each year unless the school system follows certain guidelines established by the federal government. This bill enables a school system to place a disabled student who brings a firearm onto school property in an interim alternative program for up to 45 days. This would bring the State into compliance with federal law. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) advises that this could affect approximately two or three students each year. The cost of an alternative program would depend upon the severity of the student's disability. However, due to the small number of anticipated cases, any additional expenditures are assumed to be minimal.

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