

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 392 (Delegate Brinkley)
Ways and Means

Education - School Construction - Condition for State Aid

This bill requires local boards of education, as a condition of receiving State funding for school construction projects, to assign all public school students residing in the geographic attendance area for which the school is constructed to the school once it is open for occupancy.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential indeterminate revenue decrease. Expenditures are not effected. **This bill imposes a mandate on a unit of local government.**

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: State school construction funding to local boards of education could decrease by an indeterminate amount depending upon whether a local school system fails to comply with the bill's provision. Data on the number of school systems that phase students into new schools is not readily available.

Additional Comments: The proposed fiscal 1997 State capital budget includes \$133 million for school construction projects. This amount is \$141 million less than requested by the local boards. Accordingly, the total amount of State school construction funding would not be affected by any one school district failing to comply with the bill's provisions in that State funding would be directed to school districts that comply with the school occupancy requirement.

Information Source(s): Maryland Association of Boards of Education, Interagency Committee on School Construction, Department of Fiscal Services

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