

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 913 (Delegate Slade)
Economic Matters

Workers' Compensation - Students Working Part Time

This bill increases the workers' compensation benefits payable to a student who works part-time and is injured on-the-job. It provides that the hours the student spends in classroom instruction during an average week will be counted as hours worked and multiplied by the hourly rate of pay used in computing the student's average weekly wage.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in expenditures. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: Local expenditures could increase if a part-time local worker suffers an accidental on-the-job injury at a time when the worker is enrolled in school. The impact on expenditures is indeterminate, but assumed to be minimal. Revenues would not be affected.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: General, special, and federal fund expenditures could increase if a part-time State worker suffers an accidental on-the-job injury at a time when the worker is enrolled in school. The bill would increase the compensation payable to such workers by providing credits for hours spent in classroom instruction. The Department of Fiscal Services has no way of determining how many part-time State workers are enrolled in school or the accidental injury experience of this group. The impact on expenditures is indeterminate, but assumed to be minimal.

Information Source(s): Workers' Compensation Commission, Injured Workers' Insurance Fund, Subsequent Injury Fund, Uninsured Employers' Fund

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