

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1254 (Chairman, Ways and Means Committee)
(Departmental - Education)

Ways and Means

Education - Expulsion for Bringing a Firearm onto School Property

This departmental 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.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

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

Small Business Effect: The Department of Education has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

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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