

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 546 (Chairman, Appropriations Committee)
(Departmental - Higher Education Commission)
Ways and Means Referred to Budget and Taxation

Higher Education - Private Career School Student Grant Program - Funding

This amended departmental bill increases the mandated funding provision of the Private Career School Student Grant Program from \$200,000 to \$400,000 in fiscal 1997 and subsequent years.

The bill takes effect July 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by \$200,000 annually beginning in FY 1997. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

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

Fiscal Analysis

Background: The fiscal 1996 appropriation contains \$100,000 in federal funds and \$100,000 in general funds for the Private Career School Student Grant Program, also known as the Jack F. Tolbert Memorial Student Grant Program. The program provides needs-based grants to Maryland private career school students. However, Congress has proposed reduction or elimination of the federal State Student Incentive Grant program.

State Expenditures: The proposed fiscal 1997 budget for the Higher Education Commission includes \$200,000 in general funds for the Private Career School Student Grant Program. As a result, general fund expenditures would increase by \$200,000 in fiscal 1997 and subsequent years to comply with the bill's requirements, assuming that federal funds will no longer be available.

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