

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 587 (Charles County Delegation)
Ways and Means

Education - Suspension of Students - Time Limits

This bill enables principals to suspend students for up to 30 school days. Under current law principals can suspend students up to five days.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Indeterminate local expenditure increase. Revenues are not affected.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: Under current law student suspensions are handled by the school principal for suspensions of five days or less or by the local school superintendent for suspensions over five days. During the 1994-95 school year there were 85,276 suspensions involving 51,082 students (some students had multiple suspensions).

This bill enables a principal to suspend a student up to 30 days. In addition, a student's parent or guardian may appeal the suspension to the county board. Under current law only a suspension longer than five days could be appealed. This could increase local expenditures resulting from increased suspension appeals and legal proceedings. The Department of Fiscal Services advises that some local school systems would be unable to handle any additional hearings within existing resources.

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