

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 207 (Senator Trotter, et al.)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Ways and Means

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**Prince George's County - Education - Academy for Expelled Students**

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This amended bill provides the Prince George's County Board of Education with the authority to determine the placement or reassignment of an expelled student. The bill also authorizes the county board to establish a residential academy for students expelled from the Prince George's County Public Schools. Enrollment in the academy is voluntary.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. State education funding to Prince George's County would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** Assuming one-half of expelled students enroll in the alternative program, Prince George's County expenditures could increase by \$5.8 million in FY 1997. Revenues would not be affected.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Effect:** Approximately 263 students in grades 7 through 12 were expelled from the Prince George's County School System during the 1994-95 school year. Assuming 50% (131) of these students enroll in the alternative residential program, Prince George's County operating expenditures could increase by approximately \$5.3 million or \$40,201 per student. This estimate is based on the cost of residential educational programs at the Maryland School for the Deaf.

In addition, assuming existing school facilities are not available, Prince George's County would have to construct additional classrooms and residential facilities at a cost of \$6.1 million. Annual debt service on these facilities would total approximately \$485,468. This estimate is based on the following:

- 55,000 sq. ft. facility at a cost of \$110 per sq. ft.; and
- Debt financed at 5% interest over 20 years.

In sum, Prince George's County expenditures could increase by \$5.8 million in fiscal 1997, \$5.3 million in operating costs and \$0.5 million in capital costs.

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