

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 257 (Senator Collins)  
Judicial Proceedings

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**Vehicle Laws - Driver's License - Suspension for Unexcused Absence from School**

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This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to suspend the drivers' license of minors identified by the County Superintendent of Schools as being absent without lawful excuse for more than 6% of the total number of days of the school year. The suspension shall be from 30 days to 180 days.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Special fund revenues and expenditures could increase by indeterminate amounts as discussed below.

**Local Effect:** County school expenditures could increase by an indeterminate amount as discussed below.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Revenues:** The MVA collects a \$15 fee for an application to reinstate a license, plus \$30 for reinstatement after suspension. The number of license suspensions resulting from this bill cannot be reliably estimated at this time. However, each 5,000 license suspensions are estimated to increase special fund revenue by \$225,000.

**State Expenditures:** This bill would increase the workloads of the local school systems and the MVA. It is estimated that two additional employees and attendant operating expenditures would be required for each 5,000 license suspensions issued, at a cost of approximately \$60,000 per year.

**Local Expenditures:** This bill requires each superintendent of a county school system to notify the MVA as to students that have more than 6% unexcused absences. The Maryland State Department of Education estimates that compliance would require 20% of a clerical worker's time at a cost of approximately \$5,500 annually. Therefore, if each school system is required to expend an additional \$5,500 annually, local expenditures could increase by an estimated \$132,000 annually.

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