

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 348 (Senator Collins, et al.)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Education - Professional Educators - Certification

This bill grants the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) full authority to adopt rules and regulations governing (1) certification of teachers and other professional personnel; and (2) requirements for preparation of teachers and other education personnel. Under current law this responsibility is shared by PSTEB and the State Board of Education.

The State Superintendent has the authority to waive specific certification requirements, except the teacher certification test. The bill also requires two members of the PSTEB to be from the Maryland State Board of Education.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The PSTEB already exists within the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for the purpose of adopting rules and regulations governing certification of teachers. Since this legislation only removes the oversight responsibility of the State Board of Education, State finances would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: MSDE advises, that two additional employees (Division Director and Administrative Aide) at an annualized cost of approximately \$105,000 would be required to provide staff support. This estimate is based on comparisons with other State licensing boards.

The Department of Fiscal Services advises that the PSTEB already exists within MSDE for

the sole purpose of adopting rules and regulations governing certification of teachers. In addition, MSDE currently provides staffing for PSTEB. Since this legislation only removes the oversight responsibility of the State Board of Education, State finances should not be affected.

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