

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 701 (Delegate Eckardt, *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Ref. to Econ. & Environ. Affairs and Finance

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**Education - School Health Pilot Program - Repeal of Termination Provision**

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This enrolled bill repeals the termination of the School Health Pilot Program, changes the program's name to the School Health Program, repeals current law requiring a sunset evaluation of the program, specifies services to be provided by the program, and adds a July 1, 2001 reporting requirement on the program's status.

The bill takes effect June 1, 1997.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** State expenditures for the School Health Pilot Program would continue in FY 1998 as discussed below.

**Local Effect:** Local finances for the School Health Pilot Program would continue in FY 1998 as discussed below.

**Small Business Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect small business.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** State finances will be maintained because the bill proposes to repeal the termination of the School Health Pilot Program. The fiscal 1998 budget includes \$80,286 in general funds for the program.

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) advises that general fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$8,700 in fiscal 1988 for a part-time (25%) contractual Research Statistician. The services of a research design analyst are required by current law. DHMH has handled the costs of a research design analyst with existing

budgeted resources in prior years. However, with the implementation of the early retirement incentive plan legislation (SB 1 of 1996) and the loss of personnel, DHMH advises that it can no longer absorb these expenditures.

The Department of Fiscal Services advises that none of the positions abolished under SB 1 were research statisticians. Therefore, DHMH should still be able to support the research design function with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Expenditures:** Baltimore City and Caroline County would each continue to receive \$40,143 in State funds for the School Health Pilot Program.

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