

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 971 (Delegate Muse, *et al.*)
Environmental Matters

Referred to Economic & Environmental Affairs

Task Force to Study the Uses of Methylphenidate and Other Drugs on School Children

This enrolled bill establishes a 19-member task force to study the uses of methylphenidate and other drugs on school children. The task force is required to determine the prevalence of the use of methylphenidate among school-age children, who prescribes methylphenidate to school-age children and why, and whether there are other forms of treatment for attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder besides the use of methylphenidate. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) are required to provide staff support. The task force's findings and recommendations are due to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 1999. This legislation takes effect June 1, 1997 and sunsets January 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements, including any expense reimbursements for members of the task force and staffing costs for MSDE and DHMH, could be handled with existing resources. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. Small businesses are not directly affected.

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