

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 82 (Delegate Leopold)
Ways and Means

Referred to Budget and Taxation

**Department of Education - Comprehensive Early Intervention Services for Infants
and Toddlers**

This amended bill transfers the lead agency authority for the State's interagency infants and toddlers program from the Office of Children, Youth, and Families (OCYF) to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). All OCYF employees of the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program are transferred to MSDE without any diminution of rights, benefits, or employment and retirement status.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Transferring the responsibility and personnel for the infants and toddlers program to MSDE would not affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. Small businesses would not be directly affected.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The infants and toddlers program coordinates prevention and early intervention services for special needs children. The program is currently administered by the Office of Children, Youth, and Families. The program's fiscal 1998 budget allowance totals \$1.2 million and includes funding for 12 positions. In addition, the proposed State budget includes an additional \$5.8 million within the Children, Youth, and Families subcabinet budget to cover the cost of providing intervention services to children. Since the subcabinet fund is already administered by MSDE, only the \$1.2 million in administrative

expenditures would have to be transferred from OCYF to MSDE.

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