

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1122 (Anne Arundel County Delegation)
Ways and Means

Education - Anne Arundel County - Transportation of Students

This bill authorizes the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to provide transportation services for students enrolled in nonpublic schools.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential significant increase in Anne Arundel County expenditures. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Meaningful impact on small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: Anne Arundel County's fiscal 1997 school budget provides approximately \$17 million for regular student transportation services, of which \$15.7 million is for school bus drivers and vehicle maintenance. The county transported approximately 49,000 regular students during the 1995-96 school year at a per student cost of \$320. Approximately 70% of county's student enrollment receive transportation services. This bill would enable the county school system to transport nonpublic school students to and from school. As of September 30, 1995, there were 14,485 students attending nonpublic schools in Anne Arundel County. Assuming the same proportion of nonpublic school students would request transportation services and the same per student transportation costs, Anne Arundel County expenditures could increase by approximately \$3.2 million annually.

Small Business Effect: Private contractors operate 85% of school vehicles in Anne Arundel County. A large segment of these private school vehicles are either owned or operated by

individuals or by small companies. Depending upon whether the county elects to transport nonpublic school students and to continue to utilize private contractors, these small businesses could be positively impacted.

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