

Department of Fiscal Services
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FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 452 (Senator Hollinger, *et al.*)

Economic and Environmental Affairs and Finance Referred to Environmental Matters

Education - School Health Pilot Program - Repeal of Termination Provision

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.

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.

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.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Community and Public Health Administration), Maryland State Department of Education

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