

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 263 (Delegates Owings and DeCarlo)  
Ways and Means

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**Education - County Boards of Education - Competitive Bidding**

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This bill increases from \$15,000 to \$30,000 the value of a contract for which competitive sealed bidding is required by a county board of education.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Indeterminate effect on expenditures; revenues would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None. This bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Expenditures:** This bill increases the dollar amount of a purchase a board of education can make without utilizing competitive bidding procedures. The number of contracts that would be affected is not known at this time. In any event, the reduced time delay in filling contracts could result in operating efficiencies which could lead to administrative cost savings. In addition, there would be some savings associated with costs of advertising. However, it is possible that these savings could be offset by increased contract costs due to less competitive bidding procedures.

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