

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 965 (Montgomery County Delegation)
Ways and Means

**Montgomery County - Education - School Buses - Charging of Fees Prohibited
MC 708-97**

This bill prohibits Montgomery County from charging a fee for transporting public school students to and from school. The legislation takes effect July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Montgomery County currently does not charge a fee to transport students to and from school.

Small Business Effect: None. This legislation only affects the Montgomery County School System.

Fiscal Analysis

Additional Comments: Montgomery County transports over 73,000 students annually, representing 61% of the county's student enrollment. Based on the fiscal 1997 Montgomery County school budget, student transportation expenditures totaled \$39.8 million, or 4.3% of total school expenditures. In addition, Montgomery County receives approximately \$11.6 million in State school transportation aid.

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