

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 155 (Senators McFadden and Blount)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Education - Obtaining a High School Diploma by Examination

This bill enables the State Board of Education to waive the requirement that a student be withdrawn from a public or private school program for at least three months before obtaining a high school diploma by examination. Currently, the State Board may only waive this requirement for students enrolled in the Paquin School in Baltimore City.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Enabling students to obtain a high school diploma earlier is not expected to decrease the cost of educational programs offered by the local boards of education. The costs for the GED tests and textbooks would be paid by the students taking the test and would not affect local finances.

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

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