

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 776 (Senator Ruben, *et al.*)  
Budget and Taxation

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**Education - Grants for Non- and Limited-English Proficient Students**

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This bill increases State funding for students enrolled in non- and limited English (LEP) programs from \$500 to \$1,000 per student. In addition, the bill removes the restriction prohibiting a student from being included in the LEP count for more than two school years.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures could increase by \$9,210,500 in FY 1998; future year increases reflect enrollment growth. Revenues would not be affected.

(in millions)	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditures	9.2	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.7
Net Effect	(\$9.2)	(\$9.4)	(\$9.5)	(\$9.6)	(\$9.7)

Note: ( ) - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

**Local Effect:** State aid to local governments could increase by \$9,210,500 in FY 1998. Expenditures would not be directly affected.

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

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** Under current law, State aid for the LEP program in fiscal 1998 would total \$5.9 million (\$500 grant X 11,787 LEP students). This bill increases the per student grant to \$1,000 and removes the restriction that prohibits a student from being included in the LEP count for more than two school years, thus raising the LEP count by 3,317 students.

These two provisions would increase State expenditures by \$9.2 million in fiscal 1998. Future year expenditures are based on growth in total school enrollment.

**Local Revenues:** State aid to local governments could increase by \$9.2 million in fiscal 1998. The county-by-county impact is illustrated in **Exhibit 1**.

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