

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 697 (Delegate Petzold, *et al.*)

Ways and Means

Ref. to Economic & Environmental Affairs

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**Education - Homeless Children**

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This enrolled bill establishes a 14-member Task Force on the Education of Homeless Children and Youth in Maryland. The task force will review current policies, procedures, and practices for the education of homeless children and youth in the State. The State Board of Education is required to provide staff support. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by June 1, 1998.

This bill takes effect June 1, 1997.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Staff support could be provided with existing resources at no additional cost.

**Local Effect:** None.

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

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Additional Comments:** As shown in **Exhibit 1**, there were 2,937 school-age homeless children in Maryland during the 1994-95 school year, of which 86% (2,530) attended school.

**Exhibit 1**  
**Number of Homeless Children Attending School**

**1994-1995 School Year**

Allegany	22	Harford	60
Anne Arundel	101	Howard	50
Baltimore City	645	Kent	0
Baltimore	313	Montgomery	220
Calvert	44	Prince George's	380
Caroline	6	Queen Anne's	0
Carroll	59	St. Mary's	75
Cecil	106	Somerset	0
Charles	59	Talbot	0
Dorchester	16	Washington	68
Frederick	108	Wicomico	95
Garrett	9	Worcester	94

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