

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 628 (Prince George's County Delegation)  
Ways and Means Referred to Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Education - Prince George's County - School Uniforms**  
**PG 403-97**

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This amended bill requires all students in the Prince George's County School System to wear school uniforms beginning in the 1998-1999 school year for elementary school students, in the 1999-2000 school year for middle school students, and in the 2000-2001 school year for high school students. A school does not have to implement a school uniform policy if at least 60% of parents responding to a parent-teacher association survey oppose the mandatory use of school uniforms. The county board of education is prohibited from purchasing, providing, or subsidizing school uniforms. The Prince George's County Board of Education is required to review the implementation of a mandatory school uniform policy and to report back to the Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations by July 1, 2000. This bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Since this legislation prohibits the Prince George's County Board of Education from purchasing, providing, or subsidizing school uniforms, local finances would not be directly affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal. Requiring the use of school uniforms may benefit retail stores that specialize in uniforms, some of which may be small businesses.

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## Fiscal Analysis

**Additional Comments:** The Prince George's County School System already has the authority under current law to implement a school uniform policy. Student uniforms are used in many county schools, including the following five magnet schools; Benjamin D. Foulois, Cooper Lane, Middleton Valley, and Tayac elementary schools and Lord Baltimore Middle School. At Cooper Lane Elementary School and Lord Baltimore Middle School, the students' parents are responsible for paying the uniforms' costs.

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