

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 88 (Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee)
(Departmental - Education)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Education - State Department of Education - Professional Assistants

This departmental bill authorizes the appointment of an additional Deputy State Superintendent of Schools. This bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: An additional \$6,100 in personnel expenditures would be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Education has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: This bill authorizes the appointment of two Deputy State Superintendent of Schools. Current law provides for only one deputy. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) advises that it intends to reclassify an existing filled assistant state superintendent of schools position at ES 5 of the executive pay plan to a deputy state superintendent position at ES 7. In fiscal 1997 the salary range for an ES 5 is \$65,660 - \$80,754 and the range for an ES 7 is \$76,585 - \$94,191. The assistant superintendent position to be reclassified is currently at ES 5, step 5 (\$76,119); MSDE intends to place the new deputy position at ES 7, step 2 (\$81,251), for an increase of \$5,132. MSDE advises that the total additional cost, as set forth below, would be absorbed within existing

budgeted resources. Until June 30, 1996, an individual (now retired) functioned as a second

deputy superintendent on a contractual basis. This individual was paid \$96,130.

Deputy State Superintendent (ES 7/Step2)	\$81,251
Assistant State Superintendent (ES 5/Step5)	(\$76,119)
Salary Difference	\$5,132
Additional Fringe Benefits	\$924
Total Additional Costs	\$6,056

The new deputy state superintendent position will be responsible for school improvement initiatives including the reconstitution process, challenge schools, and the partnership between the Baltimore City schools and MSDE. The position to be reclassified was responsible for overseeing the Division of Special Education. MSDE has already used a vacant assistant state superintendent position elsewhere in the department to handle this function within the Division of Special Education. MSDE advises that no additional assistant state superintendent positions would be needed. Accordingly, MSDE will have one additional deputy state superintendent position and one less assistant state superintendent position.

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