

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 199 (Chairman, Economic Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Business and Economic Development)
Economic Matters

Partnership for Workforce Quality Program - Sunset Repeal

This departmental bill repeals the June 30, 1997 sunset date for the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program (PWQ) within the Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED).

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: State expenditures for the PWQ program would continue in FY 1998 as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Business and Economic Development has determined that this bill has a meaningful impact on small businesses (attached). Fiscal Services disagrees with this assessment as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: State expenditures will be maintained because the bill proposes to continue the PWQ program. The Governor's proposed fiscal 1998 budget includes \$1.5 million in general fund expenditures for this program. This amount includes \$1.37 million in grant awards, with the remaining funds dedicated to personnel and operating costs.

Small Business Effect: This legislation repeals the sunset provision for the PWQ program, but does not affect the program in any other way and therefore has a minimal effect on small businesses. Under this legislation, small businesses would continue to benefit from the PWQ program as they have in the past.

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