

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 629 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Ways and Means

Prince George's County - Nonschool Use of School Facilities - Local Regulation
PG 417-97

This bill enables Prince George's County to regulate the nonschool use of school facilities through local laws. Such local laws may establish an Interagency Coordinating Board to administer and schedule the nonschool use of school facilities.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Any additional workload resulting from coordinating and using school facilities for county recreational purposes is assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

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

Fiscal Analysis

Additional Comments: Montgomery County established an Interagency Coordinating Board (ICB) in 1979 to administer all after-school programs and to coordinate the use of school facilities by county recreational officials and community groups. The board adopts policies on how school facilities will be used by the general public. The board's purpose is to fully utilize county-owned facilities by the general public without interfering with educational programs. The ICB fully reimburses the public school system for any cost associated with after-school programs, including school personnel expenses, utilities, and custodial support. The board's budget allocation for fiscal 1997 totals \$3.5 million. Personnel costs for 18.8 full-time equivalent positions account for 27% of expenditures, with the remaining funds going for community services and capital outlays. The Department of

Fiscal Services advises that the county would not have to establish such an extensive administrative operation; instead, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission could handle most of the administrative requirements with existing resources.

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