

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 541 (Delegate Rosenberg)

Appropriations

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Financing for Elementary and Secondary Schools

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This bill requires the Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority to make its financing programs available to noncollegiate educational institutions.

This bill takes effect June 1, 1998.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The State is not financially responsible for any debt issued by the authority. All debt would be supported solely by the school's revenue.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal. Non-public primary and elementary schools would benefit to the extent that the authority assists such small businesses in securing financing for capital projects at a lower cost.

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Fiscal Analysis

**Background:** The Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority is a public agency responsible for assisting non-profit health and higher educational institutions in the financing of capital projects. The agency has served 79 institutions, with a debt issuance totaling \$5.6 billion. The authority approves and authorizes the issuance of tax-exempt and taxable debt, approves underwriters as recommended by the institutions, and approves the creation of pooled loan programs to accommodate similar financing needs of institutions. The authority's fiscal 1998 budget totals \$1.1 million.

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