

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 1341 (Delegate Shriver. *et al.*)

Commerce & Government Matters

Election Law - Voter Registration - State Institutions of Higher Education

This bill requires each public institution of higher education in the State to provide applicants for admission and enrollees of the institution the opportunity to request a voter registration form in conjunction with the individual's enrollment, registration, or payment process. Under current law, all offices in the State which provide public assistance and services to the disabled, as well as armed forces recruitment offices, are required to provide opportunities for voter registration.

The bill is effective January 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The State Board of Elections advises that it would cost \$32,233 annually to supply each institution with voter registration applications and brochures. Providing the opportunity for students to request voter registration forms would not materially affect the finances or operations of public higher education institutions. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: Local election boards could monitor and supply voter registration applications to institutions of higher learning with existing resources. No effect on revenues.

Small Business Effect: Minimal impact on small businesses.

Information Source(s): University System of Maryland, Maryland Higher Education Commission, State Board of Elections, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Morgan State University, Department of Legislative Services

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