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Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 794 (Senator Lawlah. *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

State-Aided Educational Institutions - Criteria for Qualifying

This bill provides that, beginning in fiscal 2001, an educational institution must qualify as a State-aided educational institution in order to receive State funding. The bill specifies the requirements for becoming a State-aided educational institution.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Establishing certain requirements as a condition of receiving State funding would not affect overall State expenditures for educational institutions. In addition, the Maryland State Department of Education can handle any additional workload resulting from the review of an educational institution's application with existing staff.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The State provides grants to institutions that provide educational services ranging from environmental education to mentoring services. The number of organizations funded as State-aided educational institutions has increased from 18 in fiscal 1995 to 25 in fiscal 1999, representing a 39% increase. During this same period, State funding has increased from roughly \$6 million to over \$6.9 million a year. This bill establishes certain requirements in order for an educational institution to receive State funding. These requirements should not affect the overall level of funding for State-aided educational institutions; however, it may affect which educational institutions receive State funding.

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