

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1346 (Delegate Cadden)

Commerce and Government Matters

School Vehicles - Transportation of Students

This bill requires public and non-public primary and secondary schools to transport students to and from school or a child care facility on a Type I school vehicle. Students may be transported to and from school-related activities on either a Type I or Type II school vehicle or on a motor coach. A motor coach or a Type II school vehicle cannot be used to transport students to and from school. School officials or private school bus contractors who are currently out of compliance have until July 1, 2001 to comply with the bill's provisions.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) advises that local school systems primarily use Type I school vehicles to transport students to and from school. Merely authorizing the use of Type I or Type II school vehicles or motor coach to transport students to and from school-related activities would not necessarily alter current school transportation practices.

Small Business Effect: Meaningful impact. Private schools that are currently using a Type II school vehicle to transport students to and from school would be required to purchase a Type I school vehicle. A conventional 58 passenger Type I school vehicle costs approximately \$48,000.

Information Source(s): Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland Association

of Boards of Education, Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration)

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