

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1007 (Delegate Workman)

Ways and Means

Education - Professional Educators - Certification

This bill establishes a new 13-member Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) to replace the existing 25-member board. The bill grants PSTEB full authority to propose rules and regulations governing certification of teachers and other professional personnel, and requirements for preparation of teachers and other educational personnel. Under current law this responsibility is shared by PSTEB and the State Board of Education. Under the bill, proposed rules and regulations developed by the board must be reviewed by the State Board of Education. Absent the disapproval of eight of the eleven members of the State Board of Education, proposed rules and regulations developed by the board become effective upon the approval of a majority of board members.

The State Superintendent has the authority to waive specific certification requirements, except the teacher certification test.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. PSTEB already exists within the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for the purpose of adopting rules and regulations governing certification of teachers. Because this legislation only eliminates the State Board of Education's responsibility for developing rules and regulations and does not remove the professional standards board from MSDE, State finances would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: MSDE advises that four additional employees (Staff Specialist, two Office Secretaries, and an Assistant Attorney) at an annualized cost of approximately \$153,000 would be required to provide staff support. This estimate is based on comparisons with other State licensing boards.

The Department of Legislative Services advises that PSTEB already exists within MSDE for the sole purpose of adopting rules and regulations governing certification of teachers. In addition, MSDE currently provides staffing for PSTEB. Therefore, State expenditures should not be affected.

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