

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 28 (Delegates Marriott and Campbell)

Ways and Means

Higher Education - Professional School Scholarship Program - Social Work

This bill adds social work to the list of scholarship programs eligible to receive money from a special fund administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) comprised of fees paid by vehicle owners for personalized license plates. The bill also increases the amount to be paid into the special fund from \$150,000 to \$180,000 annually.

The bill takes effect July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund revenues and expenditures would each increase by \$30,000 annually, while general fund revenues would decrease by \$30,000 annually.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The Professional School Scholarship Program is funded with the proceeds of annual fees paid by vehicle owners for personalized license plates. This fee is currently \$25. After deduction of any administrative costs to which the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) is entitled, the Professional School Scholarship Program receives its annual allocation. The next \$200,000 is required to be used for the Distinguished Scholar Program. The balance goes into general funds.

This bill increases the Professional School Scholarship Program's allocation from \$150,000 to \$180,000. Because there are approximately 52,000 vehicles with personalized license

plates, which generate annual fees of approximately \$1,300,000, this bill would not result in the taking away from one scholarship program to give to another. However, general fund revenues would decrease by \$30,000.

Any additional work created by this bill could be handled by MHEC and MVA with existing resources.

Information Source(s): Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration), Maryland Higher Education Commission, Department of Legislative Services

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