

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 968 (Harford County Delegation)

Judiciary

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**Harford County - Treatment and Prevention of Drug Abuse by Children**

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This bill, which applies only in Harford County, authorizes certain governmental entities to share juvenile and education records for the purpose of treatment and prevention of drug abuse by the child to whom the record relates. The governmental entities must be participating in a consortium of entities that develop a comprehensive plan for the treatment and prevention of drug abuse by children. The education record can only be shared upon the consent of the student and the student's parent. Agencies must develop policies and procedures to safeguard the confidentiality and use of the information obtained.

This bill takes effect October 1, 1998 and sunsets on September 30, 2001.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Sharing access to certain juvenile and education records would not result in any additional costs; however, it may facilitate the treatment and prevention of drug abuse by children in Harford County.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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