

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 959 (Delegate Malone. *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

**Vehicle Laws - Driver Training and Improvement - Required Course on
Defensive Driving**

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to include the elements of the National Safety Council's course on Attitudinal Dynamics of Driving as part of the driver improvement program. Driver education programs conducted by licensed drivers' schools must also include a curriculum based on the National Safety Council's course.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The MVA could handle the bill's requirements with existing resources.

Local Effect: Minimal. School districts that provide driver training may experience an increase in costs to incorporate instructional materials from the National Safety Council. Currently, only five county school systems (Allegany, Baltimore, Calvert, Garrett, and Prince George's counties) provide driver training.

Small Business Effect: None. Small businesses that provide driver training and improvement courses may experience an increase in costs to incorporate new information into courses. However, any such increase could be offset by an increase in fees.

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