

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 150 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Morgan State University)

Appropriations

Morgan State University - Procurement Authority

This bill expands the procurement authority of Morgan State University to include supplies funded by the proceeds from State general obligation bonds (capital equipment purchases).

The bill takes effect July 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Efficiency savings for Morgan State University. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Morgan State University has determined that this bill will have minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: Under current law Morgan State University (MSU) must go through the Department of General Services (DGS) to purchase capital equipment. The bill would permit MSU to make capital equipment purchases without going through DGS. MSU would still have to otherwise follow State procurement rules and regulations.

State Effect: The bill would simplify and expedite MSU's procurement process for capital

equipment purchases, and would consequently provide net efficiency savings for MSU. In fiscal 1998 MSU made approximately 15-20 capital equipment purchases. MSU's capital equipment purchases do not compose a significant portion of the procurement work of DGS. Therefore, the bill is not expected to result in a significant decrease in workload for DGS. The bill would not change the amount of equipment purchased by MSU.

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