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FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 320 (Senator Pinsky, *et al.*)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Primary and Secondary Education - Teacher Shortage - Study Commission**

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This bill establishes a 15-member Commission to Study Teacher Shortages in Public Schools in the State. The commission must study the extent of teacher and other professional personnel shortages at public schools, the cause and effect of teacher shortages, how local school systems handle teacher shortages, the impact on student academic performances, and possible solutions to alleviate teacher shortages. The commission's findings and recommendations are due to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 1999. The Department of Legislative Services is required to provide staff support.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1999 and sunsets December 31, 1999.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Any expense reimbursements for commission members and staffing costs for the Department of Legislative Services are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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