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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1002 (Delegate Rosenberg and McIntosh)

Ways and Means

Education - Baltimore City - Enrollment in Baraka School

This bill requires the New Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to pay to the Baraka School the average per pupil expenditure for each Baltimore City student in grades 6 through 8 who is enrolled in the Baraka School.

This bill takes effect June 1, 1999 and sunsets May 31, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City expenditures would increase by \$371,250. Revenues would not be affected. **This bill imposes a mandate on a local government unit.**

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Approximately 55 students from Baltimore City are enrolled in the Baraka School, which is a boarding school for sixth through eighth graders located in Kenya, Africa. Currently, Baltimore City reimburses the Baraka School in the amount of \$1,950 per student, which represents the average per pupil local expenditure for the city. Pursuant to this bill, the reimbursement must include federal, State, and local expenditures. In fiscal 1997, the latest year for which data is available, Baltimore City's average per pupil expenditure from all funds, including federal, State, and local sources, totaled \$7,695. The city's average per pupil expenditure from all funds is projected to total \$8,700 by fiscal 2000. This estimate is based on a 4.2% annual growth in the city's per pupil expenditure. Accordingly, Baltimore

City will have to provide the Baraka school with an additional \$6,750 for each student enrolled at the school, which will total \$371,250 in fiscal 2000. In order to receive the funds, the Baraka School must be licensed and teachers must be certified. In addition, the funds cannot be used for religious purposes.

One cent on Baltimore City's property tax rate yields approximately \$856,000 in fiscal 2000. Accordingly, the \$371,250 expenditure increase for fiscal 2000 is equivalent to \$0.004 on the city's property tax rate.

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