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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 463 (Senator Neall)

Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Type I and Type II School Vehicles

This bill alters the weight provisions in the definitions of Type I and Type II school vehicles. Type I school vehicles would have a gross vehicle weight of more than 15,000 pounds and Type II school vehicles would have a gross vehicle weight of 15,000 pounds or less. Under current law, Type I school vehicles weigh more than 10,000 pounds and Type II school vehicles weigh 10,000 pounds or less.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: While local school systems will be able to purchase additional makes of Type II school vehicles, local school expenditures would not be directly affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: Type I school vehicles are a conventional style school bus designed to carry between 24 and 70 passengers. Most of these vehicles weigh over 15,000 pounds. Type II school vehicles are a van-conversion style school bus. Due to upgrades in manufacturing standards resulting in heavier Type II school vehicles, a large portion of these vehicles now weigh over 10,000 pounds which precludes their use by local school systems. Pursuant to this legislation, local school systems will be able to purchase additional makes of Type II school vehicles.

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Education, Maryland Association of Boards of Education

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