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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 355 (Harford County Delegation)

Judiciary

Harford County - Reportable Offenses by Children

This bill requires law enforcement agencies in Harford County to notify the local superintendent of schools when a student is arrested for offenses involving controlled dangerous substances. The Harford County State's Attorney is required to notify the local superintendent of the disposition of the case. Under current law, such notifications are only required for offenses involving crimes of violence or weapons violations.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Requiring State law enforcement agencies to notify local school officials of a student's arrest could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: Requiring that local school officials be notified of students in Harford County committing offenses involving controlled dangerous substances should not result in any additional local expenditures.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Additional Comments: Under current law, local superintendents must be notified by law enforcement agencies when students are arrested for offenses involving crimes of violence or weapon violations and by the State's Attorney when the cases are adjudicated by the courts. This bill expands the reporting requirement to include cases involving controlled dangerous substances. In fiscal 1998, 241 drug related cases in Harford County (201 for narcotics

possession and 40 for narcotics distribution) were handled by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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