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House Bill 1370 (Delegate Paige. *et al.*)

Appropriations

Higher Education - Student Identification Cards - Required Information

This bill requires institutions of postsecondary education to include student birth dates on student identification cards issued by the institutions.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Expenditures would increase for institutions of higher education as discussed herein.

Local Effect: No direct fiscal impact, although community colleges are partially funded by local governments.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

State Fiscal Effect: This analysis assumes that the bill would require institutions to reissue existing student identification cards that do not contain birth dates. If institutions are not required to do so, costs would be lower.

University System of Maryland

University System of Maryland (USM) institutions do not currently include birth date information on student identification cards. USM advises that its institutions would incur one-time costs estimated at \$11,000 to modify student identification card programs to include a field for the birth date, and \$142,400 in fiscal 2001 to reissue existing cards. In addition, USM institutions would incur ongoing costs for verification of birth date information. These costs are estimated at \$5,000 for fiscal 2001.

Morgan State University

Morgan State University (MSU) does not currently include birth date information on student identification cards. MSU estimates the costs to implement the bill at \$69,000 in fiscal 2001 for supplies, equipment, and personnel expenditures; and ongoing costs of approximately \$4,000 beginning in fiscal 2002 for supplies and equipment.

St. Mary's College of Maryland

St. Mary's College of Maryland (St. Mary's) does not currently include birth date information on student identification cards. The one-time cost to implement the bill for St. Mary's is estimated at \$9,600.

Community Colleges

Based upon information supplied by 11 of the 16 Maryland community colleges, it is estimated that the total cost of implementing the bill for community colleges would be approximately \$178,000 in fiscal 2001. Some community colleges already include birth dates on student identification cards. At least one institution does not issue mandatory student identification cards. It is assumed that the bill would not require an institution to issue student identification cards if it does not currently do so.

Community colleges receive funding from the State and local governments.

Non-public Institutions

Some non-public institutions currently include birth date information on their student identification cards, but most non-public institutions do not do so. The one-time cost to implement the bill for all non-public institutions is estimated at \$150,000.

Non-public institutions of higher education receive State funding pursuant to the Joseph A. Sellinger formula.

Additional Information

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