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FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 441 (Senator Pinsky, *et al.*)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Primary and Secondary Education - Teacher Shortage - Study Commission

This bill establishes a 16-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 must make recommendations to address the development of a data system to track the number of graduates employed in Maryland, the mobility of teachers within Maryland and out of state, and the areas of teacher shortage with respect to subject matter and grade level. In addition, the commission must recommend a specific level of funding to create a pilot program, coordinated by the K-16 Partnership for Teaching and Learning, that implements the commission's recommendations. The commission's findings and recommendations are due to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2000. The Department of Legislative Services is required to provide staff support.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2000, and sunsets December 31, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: 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.

Analysis

Current Law: No such commission is required by statute.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: This bill was introduced in the 1999 session as SB 320. The bill received a favorable report by the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and was approved by the full Senate. The bill was not reported from the House Ways and Means Committee.

Cross File: None.

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