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## FISCAL NOTE

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House Bill 694 (Delegate Morhaim. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

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### Advisory Council on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

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This bill establishes a 25-member Advisory Council on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. The advisory council must submit an annual report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on July 1, 2001, July 1, 2002, and June 30, 2003. The Office of Children, Youth, and Families shall coordinate the staffing of the advisory council and execute a memorandum of understanding among the office, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) providing that either DHMH or MSDE should provide staffing for the advisory council.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2000 and sunsets June 30, 2003.

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### Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures would increase by \$98,800 in FY 2001. Future year expenditures reflect inflation and the elimination of one-time costs. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditures	98,800	92,800	97,100	0	0
Net Effect	(\$98,800)	(\$92,800)	(\$97,100)	\$0	\$0

Note: ( ) = decrease; GF = general funds

**Local Effect:** None.

## Analysis

**Background:** Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a disorder characterized by behavior and attention difficulties that are exhibited in multiple settings, but most prominently in the classroom. It begins in childhood and is identified by difficulty in paying attention, hyperactivity, and impulsiveness.

In 1997, the General Assembly established the Task Force to Study the Uses of Methylphenidate and Other Drugs on School Children. The task force submitted its final report in March 1999. The task force made several recommendations for the educational and medical communities and for the support of families.

**State Fiscal Effect:** One staff specialist and one secretary at an annualized cost of \$98,810 would be needed to provide staffing for the council, which includes \$86,060 for salaries and benefits and \$12,750 in operating expenses. In addition, the council is authorized to consult on a pro bono basis with education and health officials and other experts in the field and to investigate the relationship between ADHD and learning disabilities and differences.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 742 (Senator Hollinger) - Economic and Environmental Affairs.

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