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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 65 (Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and
Senator Hoffman)
(Departmental - Human Resources)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Family Day Care Providers - Grant Funds - Repeal of Sunset Provision

This departmental bill repeals the June 30, 2000 sunset provision of the Family Day Care Provider Direct Grant Fund Program within the Department of Human Resources (DHR). The bill takes effect June 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures are expected to continue in FY 2001 and beyond at the current rate of approximately \$50,000 annually.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Human Resources has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: The program terminates June 30, 2000.

Background: The Family Day Care Provider Direct Grant Fund Program assists low-income family day care providers to achieve and maintain regulatory compliance while supporting the department's efforts to increase the availability and safety of child care. The

program was approved in 1991 with the goal of discouraging illegal providers while encouraging day care providers to register with the Child Care Administration of DHR.

\$50,000 in general funds per year has been furnished to approximately 120 eligible family day care providers statewide since a three-year pilot program was approved in 1991. The pilot Day Care Direct Grant Fund Program made 122 grants available, averaging \$410 per provider. The fund was reestablished as the Family Day Care Provider Direct Grant Fund Program in 1994 (Chapter 168). In 1997, Chapter 328 extended the sunset date to June 30, 2000.

State Effect: State expenditures will be maintained because the bill proposes to permanently continue the fund. It is expected that the proposed fiscal 2001 budget will include \$50,000 for the fund, and that each of Maryland's 24 subdivisions will receive grants averaging \$2,083 to be distributed to family day care providers in grants of up to \$500.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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