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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 690 (Delegate Cryor, *et al.*)
Judiciary

**Education - Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Speech Impaired Students, Parents, and
Guardians - Portable Pagers**

This bill allows students who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired and students who have parents who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired to use a portable pager on public school property after school hours.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any decrease in State law enforcement activities and District Court cases would not materially affect State finances.

Local Effect: Any changes to local school system regulations could be made with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: It is a crime for an individual to possess a portable pager on school property. Persons convicted of this offense are guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined up to \$2,500, imprisoned for up to six months, or both. Specified individuals, including school staff and authorized visitors, are exempt from the prohibition.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 279 (Senator Roesser, *et al.*) - Economic and Environmental Affairs.

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