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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 291 (Delegate Barkley)  
 Ways and Means

**Education - Graphing Calculators**

This bill requires the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to distribute graphing calculators to local boards of education based on one-half the total number of students enrolled in Algebra I, as specified in the bill. The Governor must include \$2,113,300 in the fiscal 2002 State budget for the purchase of graphing calculators.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2001.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures would increase by \$2,113,300 in FY 2002. Future year expenditures would not be affected, assuming the purchase of graphing calculators is a one-time expense.

(in dollars)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	2,113,300	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$2,113,300)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect*

**Local Effect:** Local school systems will receive 24,152 graphing calculators based on one-half the number of students enrolled in Algebra I classes. The State would cover the full cost to purchase the graphing calculators.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

## Analysis

**Current Law:** The State does not have a specific aid program for purchasing graphing calculators to local school systems.

**State Fiscal Effect:** The Governor is required to include \$2,113,300 in the fiscal 2002 State budget to purchase 24,152 graphing calculators for local school systems. According to the bill, the cost per calculator totals \$87.50. The number of calculators is based on one-half of the students enrolled in Algebra I classes.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** A similar bill was introduced at the 2000 session as HB 1120 and received an unfavorable report from the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Cross File:** None.

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