

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 861  
Ways and Means

(Delegates Dembrow and Barve)

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**Education - School Accountability Funding for Excellence Program - Grants for  
Non- and Limited-English Proficient Students**

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This bill alters the student enrollment count date for the limited English proficient program from May 15 to October 31 of a school year.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2001.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** State education aid could be minimally affected by altering the student enrollment count date used for the limited English proficient program.

**Local Effect:** State education aid to local school systems under the limited English proficient program could be minimally affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Limited English proficient grants are based on the May 15 enrollment count in the second prior school year. For example, State aid for fiscal 2002 (2001-2002 school year) is based on the LEP count on May 15, 2000 which occurs during the 1999-2000 school year.

**State and Local Fiscal Effect:** State education aid under the limited English proficient grant program will total \$30.1 million in fiscal 2002. The LEP enrollment count as of

May 15, 2000 totaled 20,855 students. Approximately 45% of these students attend schools in Montgomery County and 27% attend schools in Prince George's County. Information is not available on whether more or fewer limited English proficient students attend school at the beginning of the school year. However, altering the student count date could impact State funding under the program. **Exhibit 1** shows the amount of State funding for this program in fiscal 2002.

**Exhibit 1**  
**Limited English Proficient Program – Fiscal 2002**

<b>County</b>	<b>LEP Enrollment</b>	<b>State Funding</b>
Allegany	9	\$12,150
Anne Arundel	720	1,012,500
Baltimore City	707	1,035,450
Baltimore	1,678	2,310,300
Calvert	21	28,350
Caroline	87	121,450
Carroll	78	116,300
Cecil	68	94,300
Charles	113	157,550
Dorchester	40	59,500
Frederick	301	408,850
Garrett	0	0
Harford	304	426,900
Howard	1,163	1,607,550
Kent	33	48,050
Montgomery	9,302	13,686,700
Prince George's	5,541	7,945,850
Queen Anne's	27	37,450
St. Mary's	109	153,150
Somerset	51	72,850
Talbot	61	85,350
Washington	141	205,350
Wicomico	225	323,250
Worcester	76	108,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,855</b>	<b>\$30,057,750</b>

## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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