

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 722           (Delegates Kach and Krysiak)  
Ways and Means

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**Department of General Services - Procurements on Behalf of Private Schools**

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This bill allows a private elementary or secondary school that is exempt from taxation under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to utilize the services of the Purchasing Bureau of the Department of General Services to purchase materials, supplies, and equipment, if it has been issued: (1) a certificate of approval by the State Board of Education; or (2) accreditation by the Association of Independent Schools.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful effect for small nonprofit schools, which would be able to realize significant savings on the purchases of materials, supplies, and equipment.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Purchasing Bureau of the Department of General Services may only be used by a county or Baltimore City; a municipal corporation; a governmental agency in the State; or a public or quasi-public agency that receives State money and is exempt from taxation under §501(c)(3).

**State Fiscal Effect:** The Maryland Department of Education advises that it already issues certificates of approval for every private school not operated by a bona fide church organization that meets State standards for approval.

The Department of General Services advises that the bill would not materially affect its operation.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None

**Cross File:** None

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