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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1072   (Delegate Bartlett)

Ways and Means

Public Schools - Extracurricular Activities - Private School and Home-Schooled Students

This bill provides that a public elementary or secondary school may allow a nonenrolled student to participate in extracurricular school activities, including interscholastic athletics, music or drama programs, student organizations, and other programs sponsored by the school. The nonenrolled student must be eligible to attend the public school and must be either an approved home-schooled student or a student from a private school that does not sponsor the extracurricular activity.

The bill is effective July 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: If a public school elects to include private and home-schooled students in extracurricular activities, any additional costs could be met with existing funds or student fees.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Public schools are not statutorily authorized to allow home-schooled students and private school students to participate in extracurricular activities at public schools.

Background: There are approximately 176,000 private school students and an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 home-schooled students in Maryland.

Local Fiscal Effect: The bill does not mandate that public schools allow private and home-schooled students to participate in extracurricular activities. It is assumed that public schools that open participation in extracurricular activities to these students could fund their involvement in the activities with existing resources or through student fees.

Additional Information

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