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Senate Bill 806 (Senator McFadden)
 Economic and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

Statewide Mentoring Partnership

This bill requires the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to partner with the Baltimore Mentoring Partnership and other local mentoring programs to expand the network of mentoring programs for low-income public school students at various ages and levels of risk. The purpose of the partnership is to significantly increase the number of low-income public school students participating in mentoring programs by: (1) recruiting mentors from the public and private sectors; (2) providing referrals of mentors through a statewide searchable database and a toll-free hotline number; (3) providing training and technical assistance; (4) raising public awareness of the need for mentoring; (5) developing a statewide tracking system; and (6) establishing a statewide mentoring center and library. Beginning July 1, 2002, MSDE must include no more than \$250,000 in its annual budget to be used together with equal private sector matching funds to fund the mentoring partnership.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures for grants to the Maryland State Mentoring Resource Center would increase by \$75,000 annually beginning in FY 2003. No effect on revenues.

(in dollars)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	0	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Net Effect	\$0	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

Background: The impetus behind the Baltimore Mentoring Partnership (BMP), which was established in 1997, was Project RAISE (Raising Ambitions and Increasing Self-Esteem), a public-private collaboration founded by the Abell Institute in 1988 and designed to decrease the high school dropout rate and improve lifetime opportunities for at-risk students. BMP's mission is to "dramatically increase the number of Baltimore and Maryland youth in quality mentoring relationships with caring adults." BMP employs the strategies and techniques described in the bill to carry out its mission.

State Expenditures: MSDE currently provides \$175,000 annually for the Maryland State Mentoring Resource Center, one of the organizations that works with BMP. This bill would increase the annual funding level for the resource center and possibly other mentoring programs to \$250,000 beginning in fiscal 2003.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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