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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 878 (Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee)  
 (Departmental – Education)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

**State Department of Education - Professional Assistants**

This departmental bill increases from two to three the maximum number of Deputy State Superintendents of Schools within the Maryland State Department of Education.

The bill is effective July 1, 2001.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures would increase by an estimated \$13,600 in FY 2002 to pay the salary increase resulting from the reclassification of an Assistant State Superintendent to a Deputy State Superintendent. Funds are available in the budget for this increase. No effect on revenues.

(in dollars)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	13,600	14,500	15,100	15,800	16,500
Net Effect	(\$13,600)	(\$14,500)	(\$15,100)	(\$15,800)	(\$16,500)

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

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Maryland State Department of Education has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

## Analysis

**Current Law:** No more than two Deputy State Superintendents of Schools may be appointed. The State Board of Education sets the qualifications for and appoints deputy superintendents with the advice of the State Superintendent of Schools.

**Background:** The number of Deputy State Superintendents of Schools was increased from one to two in 1997. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) advises that, since then, the variety, scope, and complexity of MSDE's responsibilities have increased significantly due to a rapidly increasing budget, increased oversight of the Baltimore City and Prince George's County school systems, and efforts to support and guide the Commission on Education Finance, Equity, and Excellence. The authorization of a third deputy superintendent would allow MSDE to provide executive-level attention to these duties.

**State Expenditures:** MSDE advises that the new deputy superintendent position would be reclassified from an Assistant State Superintendent position, resulting in increased expenditures of \$13,579 in fiscal 2002 for the increased salary and associated fringe benefits. Assistant State Superintendents are classified at ES 6 in the Executive Pay Plan and Deputy State Superintendents are classified at ES 8. Future year expenditures reflect the difference in salaries assuming 6.5% increases in fiscal 2003 and 4.5% increases each year thereafter, with 3% employee turnover. MSDE advises that funds are available in the proposed fiscal 2002 budget for the additional deputy superintendent.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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