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FISCAL NOTE

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Senate Bill 399 (Senators Middleton and Hoffman)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

Education - Creation of a Task Force to Study Adult Education Services in Maryland

This bill establishes a Task Force to Study Adult Education Services in Maryland to assess: (1) the statewide need for adult education services; (2) the impact of adult education on workforce economic development; (3) the existing levels of service for adults without a high school diploma; (4) the existing levels of services for adults who are on probation or incarcerated; (5) the funding process and level of funding for existing adult education programs; and (6) how Maryland compares to other states in terms of need, service, and funding. The Maryland State Department of Education will staff the task force. The task force must submit a report summarizing its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2001.

The bill is effective July 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Maryland State Department of Education could staff the task force with existing resources.

Local Effect: Any travel costs incurred by local school superintendents appointed to the task force are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

Background: Approximately 770,000 adults in Maryland have not earned a high school diploma or its equivalent, with only 37,000 of them being served by existing adult education services. In fiscal 2000, 8,090 adults received high school diplomas in Maryland. The fiscal 2002 State budget includes \$7.6 million for adult education programs, \$6.2 million in federal funds and \$1.4 million in State general funds.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 775 (Delegate Cadden, *et al.*) – Ways and Means.

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