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(Delegate Zirkin, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Education - Maryland Educational Opportunity Summer Pilot Program -
Expansion and Extension**

This bill extends the sunset date for the Maryland Educational Opportunity Summer Pilot Program from June 30, 2002 to June 30, 2007. The pilot program operates in Baltimore and Prince George's counties. If additional federal funding becomes available for the pilot program, other counties could apply to the Maryland State Department of Education for grants.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures for the Maryland Educational Opportunity Summer Pilot Program would continue through FY 2007. The FY 2003 State budget includes \$520,000 in funding for Baltimore and Prince George's counties.

Local Effect: State aid and local school expenditures in Baltimore and Prince George's counties for the pilot program would continue through FY 2007. The State would continue to cover the entire cost of the Maryland Educational Opportunity Summer Pilot Program.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Maryland Educational Opportunity Summer Pilot Program operates in Baltimore and Prince George's counties.

Background: Chapter 183 of 2001 established the Maryland Educational Opportunity Summer Pilot Program in Baltimore and Prince George's counties. The local boards of education in Baltimore and Prince George's counties are authorized to develop a proposal using existing faculty to provide educational services to students in kindergarten through grade 12 during the summer months. The State board must select proposals with priority given to schools that show the lowest levels of improvement towards meeting the standards on the Maryland School Performance Program (MSPP). Upon approving a proposal, the State board must distribute funding to the local school system that covers the cost of extending the contracts of participating teachers to implement and operate the pilot program. The State budget included \$520,000 in general funds for the pilot program in fiscal 2002 and the same amount is included in fiscal 2003 (\$260,000 for each county).

The State Superintendent of Schools must report to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 30, 2002 on the operation and performance of the pilot program. The report must assess the effectiveness and success of the pilot program in improving student achievement.

State and Local Fiscal Effect: Under the existing pilot program, Baltimore and Prince George's counties receive funding to operate programs at six participating school sites. State funding for the pilot program was matched with federal funding under a two-year one-time discretionary federal grant. The federal funding terminates in September 2002. State funding for Baltimore and Prince George's counties would continue through fiscal 2007. The fiscal 2003 State budget includes \$520,000 in funding for the pilot program.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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