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**FISCAL NOTE**

**Revised**

House Bill 1386

(Chairman, Appropriations Committee)

(Departmental – Children, Youth, and Families)

Appropriations

Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Office for Children, Youth, and Families - Revisions**

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This departmental bill makes various changes to the law pertaining to the Office for Children, Youth, and Families (OCYF). The bill codifies the existing 25-member Maryland School-Based Health Policy Advisory Council within the Office for Children, Youth, and Families (OCYF). The bill also requires the OCYF Subcabinet to develop a plan to improve access to services for children with special needs, develop community-based resources for children with intensive needs and children at risk of residential placement, and reduce the number of children placed outside of their home communities.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2002 and sunsets June 30, 2005.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The changes would not materially affect governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** OCYF has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** The OCYF Special Secretary must establish regulations regarding local management boards' responsibilities, composition, fiscal and program accountability, and

procedures to ensure confidentiality of information. The bill sets requirements for selecting the chairmen of local coordinating councils and requires that the councils must be part of the local management boards for administrative and budget purposes. The bill also codifies the existing practice of OCYF entering into community partnership agreements with local management boards to provide services to children, youth, and families.

**Current Law:** The 25-member Maryland School-Based Health Policy Advisory Council is not statutorily required. The council's purpose is to coordinate an interagency effort to develop, sustain, and promote quality school-based health centers.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Human Resources, Governor's Office (Office for Children, Youth, and Families), Maryland State Department of Education, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Legislative Services

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