

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2002 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Joint Resolution 16 (Delegate Benson)  
Ways and Means

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**General Assembly - Middle and High School - Visits by Legislators**

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This joint resolution requests members of the General Assembly to visit the middle and high schools in their respective jurisdictions during the weeks of April 9 through 27 of each year to inform and enhance the students' understanding of government and citizenship and their attendant responsibilities and rights.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Requesting members of the General Assembly to visit public and private schools each year would not affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** Local school systems could provide opportunities for legislators to meet with students and faculty members with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Members of the General Assembly can already meet with public school students and faculty members.

**Background:** There are approximately 500 public middle and high schools in Maryland and 370,000 public school students in grades 7 through 12. In addition, there are approximately 55,000 private school students in grades 7 through 12.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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