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House Bill 579
Ways and Means

(Delegate Healey, *et al.*)

Public Schools - Health of Students - Soap Required in Public School Lavatories

This bill requires lavatories in public schools to be equipped with soap for washing hands.

The bill is effective July 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Local school systems could ensure that school lavatories contain soap with existing resources. No effect on revenues.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Although it is common practice, equipping public school lavatories with soap is not required in State law.

Local Expenditures: The Maryland State Department of Education estimates that local school systems spend a total of \$0.5 million to \$1 million annually on soap for school lavatories. In general, maintaining the soap supply in lavatories is not a problem. In some schools, however, soap supplies may need to be replenished more frequently. Although local school systems could incur a minimal increase in soap expenditures, it is assumed that the increase could be handled with existing school resources.

The bill would not impact local or State funding for public schools.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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