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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1197 (Delegate Rosenberg)
 Ways and Means

Interagency Task Force on Community Schools

This bill establishes an Interagency Task Force on Community Schools to explore community schools as a strategy for integrating State-funded and community-based grant-funded services and programs for children, adolescents, families, and communities. The task force must study and make recommendations on the use of community schools. The Office for Children, Youth, and Families must provide staff support for the task force. Reports must be made to the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Health and Government Operations Committee. An interim report is due by December 31, 2004, and a final report is due by December 31, 2005.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2004 and terminates December 31, 2005.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could increase by \$19,800 in FY 2005 for one part-time contractual employee to staff the task force and write reports. Future year expenditures reflect the task force terminating after the first half of FY 2006. No effect on revenues.

(in dollars)	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	19,800	9,700	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$19,800)	(\$9,700)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There is a Parent and Community Advisory Board in the Baltimore City Public School System. The board is designed to ensure parental involvement in the development and implementation of educational policies and procedures and to ensure increased community involvement and outreach to support the schools.

Background: The Baltimore Community School Connections promotes school community partnerships across the city. The center aims to develop the city's schools into community schools in 10 years. A community school is a public school that collaborates with various partners to improve students' education. It focuses on: promoting "first-class" instruction; providing supports that remove students' barriers to learning; and encouraging meaningful parent and community involvement.

State Expenditures: General fund expenditures for the Office for Children, Youth, and Families could increase by an estimated \$19,831 in fiscal 2005. This estimate reflects the cost of hiring one part-time contractual administrative officer to staff the task force and write reports. It includes salaries, fringe benefits, travel expenses for task force members, and printing costs.

Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$18,131
Operating Expenses	<u>1,700</u>
Total FY 2005 State Expenditures	\$19,831

Future year expenditures reflect: (1) a half-year salary with 4.6% annual increases and 6.8% employee turnover; and (2) a 1% increase in operating expenses.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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