

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
2006 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 601
Ways and Means

(Delegates Hixson and Marriott)

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Education - Child Care Quality Incentive Grant Program

This bill transfers the Child Care Quality Incentive Grant Program from the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The program has not been funded since fiscal 2003.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Child Care Quality Incentive Grant Program is administered by DHR.

Background: Last year, HB 932 (Chapter 585) moved the Child Care Administration (CCA) from DHR to MSDE. The transfer of the Child Care Quality Incentive Grant Program, which was established in 2002 and provides small grants to child care centers for supplies and materials, was inadvertently left out of that bill. According to MSDE, CCA awarded 104 program grants totaling approximately \$100,000 in fiscal 2003 but suspended the program in fiscal 2004 due to a transfer of the federal funds that were being used to support the effort. MSDE advises that there have been discussions about restarting the program but that no final determination has been made.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Human Resources, Maryland State Department of Education, Department of Legislative Services

Fiscal Note History: First Reader - February 17, 2006
n/rhh

Analysis by: Mark W. Collins

Direct Inquiries to:
(410) 946-5510
(301) 970-5510