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House Bill 1327

(Chairman, Ways and Means Committee)
(By Request – Departmental – Education)

Ways and Means

Education - Disruptive Students

This departmental bill transfers oversight and administration of school programs for disruptive youths from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to the Governor’s Office for Children (GOC). Local school systems must submit proposals for programs addressing disruptive youths to GOC, and GOC must allocate State funding to local school systems to support the development and expansion of programs for disruptive youth. Local school systems participating in the programs must report to GOC at the end of each fiscal year, and GOC must submit a summary of local school system reports.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any efficiencies resulting from the bill would not materially impact State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: MSDE has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: MSDE has statutory responsibility for reviewing local school system proposals for disruptive youth programs, allocating funding for the proposals, collecting

local school system reports on the programs, and compiling the reports into a summary. In practice, State funds for disruptive youth programs have been distributed to local management boards, which are overseen by GOC.

Background: MSDE advises that it has not distributed funds for disruptive youth programs since fiscal 1997, when it provided approximately \$460,000. Beginning in fiscal 1998, funding for the programs was moved to the Office for Children, Youth, and Families (OCYF) to distribute to local management boards. GOC was established by executive order in June 2005 to replace OCYF and is now the agency that oversees the local management boards and the funds that are distributed to them.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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