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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 850 (Delegate Hammen, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Finance

**Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration - Needs Assessment**

This bill requires the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration to conduct a needs assessment every three years that identifies financial and treatment needs in each jurisdiction in the State.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures could total \$250,000 in FY 2008 and again in FY 2011 for the required needs assessment. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	250,000	0	0	250,000	0
Net Effect	(\$250,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$250,000)	\$0

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

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Director of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration is required to survey and analyze the needs of the State for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of drug or alcohol misuse. The director is also required to gather and disseminate drug and alcohol misuse statistics and information on services.

**State Fiscal Effect:** The fiscal 2008 budget is expected to include a minimum of \$250,000 for a comprehensive needs assessment. The last similar assessment was last done in 1998 and updated in 2002. Based on prior experience, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration advises that \$250,000 is an appropriate estimate of the cost of the required assessment.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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