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Senate Bill 711 (Senators Gladden and Dyson)
 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

Education - "Share the State Fair!" Program

This bill establishes a “Share the State Fair!” program and requires the Governor to include \$25,000 per year in the State budget for the program. Program funds may only be used to provide annual matching grants of up to \$1,000 to local boards of education to provide transportation and refreshments for prekindergarten through eighth grade students participating in the program. The State Superintendent of Schools must make recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding applications for grants, and the State board must adopt regulations for the program.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Mandated general fund expenditures would increase by up to \$24,000 annually beginning in FY 2009 to provide “Share the State Fair!” grants to local school systems. At least \$1,000 of the mandated \$25,000 appropriation would revert to the general fund annually. 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	0	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
Net Effect	\$0	(\$24,000)	(\$24,000)	(\$24,000)	(\$24,000)

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

Local Effect: Local school revenues from State aid would increase by up to \$24,000 annually beginning in FY 2009. Local school expenditures would increase to match the State funds.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Background: The Maryland State Fair is held annually in Timonium. The 2007 State fair is scheduled for August 20 to September 3. Fair activities and events include rides, thoroughbred horse racing, horse and livestock shows, farm and garden exhibits, and the Miss Maryland Agriculture Contest.

State Fiscal Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by \$24,000 annually beginning in fiscal 2009. The funding would be used to provide grants of up to \$1,000 for qualifying local school systems. Assuming all 24 local school systems qualify each year, annual expenditures would total \$24,000.

Although the bill requires the Governor to include \$25,000 for the program in the annual State budget, only \$24,000 (\$1,000 for each of the 24 local school systems) could actually be expended for the program. It is assumed that the remaining funds from the mandated appropriation would not be expended and would revert to the general fund each year.

Local Fiscal Effect: Each local school system that qualifies for a “Share the State Fair!” grant would receive up to \$1,000 in State aid to pay transportation and refreshments for the program. To qualify for a grant, a local school system would have to match the State funds.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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