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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
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House Bill 1123

(Delegate Hixson, *et al.*)

Ways and Means

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grants - Ida G. and L. Leonard Ruben  
Scholarships

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This bill provides that the grants awarded for developmental disabilities, mental health, child welfare, and juvenile justice providers under the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grants will be known as Ida G. and L. Leonard Ruben Scholarships.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2007.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. Naming scholarships for Ida and Leonard Ruben would not affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grants provide financial assistance to students who agree to work in workforce shortage fields upon the completion of their studies. One of the designated workforce shortage fields is developmental disabilities, mental health, child welfare, and juvenile justice providers.

**Background:** Ida G. Ruben was a member of the General Assembly for 32 years, serving District 20 in Montgomery County for 12 years as a State Delegate and 20 years as a State Senator. L. Leonard Ruben served four years in the House of Delegates in the

early 1970s until he was appointed to the District Court as a judge in 1974. Judge Ruben passed away on March 21, 2007.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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