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House Bill 1046

(Delegate Mizeur, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Public Health - Self-Mutilation - Awareness, Training, and Distribution of
 Materials

This bill requires the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), to provide awareness and training on self-mutilation, including injury by cutting, for directors of student services in local school systems. DHMH must provide MSDE with resource information on self-mutilation to be distributed to local school supervisors of health, counseling, and psychology and materials for distribution that describe local, State, and national resources to which students, parents, counselors, and school personnel can refer for information on self-mutilation.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by an estimated \$25,000 annually beginning in FY 2008 to print and disseminate educational literature on self-mutilation by cutting. DHMH could provide information without incurring additional expenses. 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	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Net Effect	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)

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

Local Effect: Local directors of student services could participate in self-mutilation training without impacting local school system budgets.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: With the assistance of the local health department, each local board of education must provide adequate school health facilities and instruction in health education.

Background: The University of Michigan Health System reports that the rate of self injury by cutting has become increasingly common and estimates that 3 million people in the U.S., mostly adolescents, exhibit this behavior. Cutting is more common in females than in males, and is often accompanied by depression, anxiety, or other emotional or mental health issues. Other forms of self-mutilation include burning, scratching, branding, and bruising.

DHMH advises that it provides \$250,000 per year to the Maryland Mental Health Association for its “Caring for Every Child’s Mental Health” campaign.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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