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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 75

(Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Education)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

Education - Nonpublic School Employees - Criminal Convictions

This departmental bill clarifies that the State Board of Education, instead of the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), is responsible for revoking the certificate of approval or letter of tentative approval of a nonpublic school that employs a person who has been convicted of specified crimes of sexual offense, child sexual abuse, or crimes of violence.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Transferring this responsibility from MSDE to the State board has no impact on 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/Background: The State board has the authority to issue certificates of approval to operate to nonpublic schools; however, elsewhere in statute MSDE is specified as the party responsible for revoking the certificate of approval or letter of tentative approval of a nonpublic school that employs a person who has been convicted of certain crimes. The bill aligns the statute and clarifies that the power of both issuing and revoking approval to operate nonpublic schools lies solely with the State board.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Education – Nonpublic School Employees – Criminal Convictions

BILL NUMBER: SB 75

PREPARED BY: Maryland State Department of Education

PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS

OR

WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

The proposed legislation will have no impact on small business in Maryland.