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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 118

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

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

Juvenile Law - Juvenile Services Education - Facilities

This departmental bill repeals obsolete provisions relating to the department's responsibility for providing educational programs within residential facilities of the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS).

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's changes reflect the existing status of educational programs within DJS facilities, which are the responsibility of the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: DJS has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The Juvenile Services Education Program within MSDE manages and implements educational services for youth detained and committed by DJS. The program provides instruction in core content based on the State curriculum. The program also includes instruction in life skills, computer literacy, career and technology education, special education services, and General Equivalency Diploma (GED) preparation.

Prior to 2003, DJS was responsible for developing educational programs in all of its residential facilities. Chapter 53 of 2003 required DJS to work with MSDE to transfer control of the educational program at the Charles H. Hickey, Jr., School to MSDE by July 1, 2004. Chapter 535 of 2004 required that MSDE assume responsibility for education in all DJS-operated facilities by July 1, 2012. This requirement was extended to July 1, 2014, by Chapter 487 of 2009 (the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act). As of July 1, 2013, MSDE had assumed responsibility for educational programming in all DJS facilities.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Maryland State Department of Education, Department of Juvenile Services, Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Juvenile Law –Juvenile Services Education - Facilities

BILL NUMBER: SB 118

PREPARED BY: Department of Juvenile Services

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