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Senate Bill 129

(Senator Conway)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

**Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners - Submission of a Comprehensive
Master Plan - Repeal of Duplicative Requirement**

This bill repeals an obsolete and duplicative requirement that the Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS) submit annual updates of a specified five-year comprehensive master plan.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is consistent with current practice. Removing the master plan requirement will therefore have no effect on Baltimore City expenditures.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BCPSS is required to submit a new five-year comprehensive plan to the city board by June 1, 2002. The plan must provide for the improvement of student achievement and school system management and must incorporate the key recommendations of the 1992 Towers Perrin/Cresap Management Study report, the 1994 and 1995 MGT of America reports, and the 2001 Westat final evaluation of the City-State Partnership. The board must approve the plan and forward it to the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools no later than July 30, 2002. Implementation of the plan must begin by August 30, 2002, and the plan

must be updated annually and submitted to the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools by August 15 of each year. By October 1 of each year, the CEO of BCPSS must supplement the update with a summary of how the BCPSS prior year budget and additional expenditures in the prior year's budget aligned with the master plan. (The bill repeals all of these BCPSS-specific comprehensive master plan provisions.)

The following requirements are not altered by the bill. Each local board of education must develop and implement a comprehensive master plan that describes the goals, objectives, and strategies that will be used to improve student achievement and meet State and local performance standards in each segment of the student population. Local boards of education are required to submit annual updates to their master plans through 2014. By October 15, 2015, each local board must submit a new five-year comprehensive master plan to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Beginning in 2016, each local board must submit an annual update that covers a five-year period. Along with this update, each local board must submit a detailed summary of how the board's current year approved budget and increases in expenditures over the prior year are consistent with the master plan and a summary of how the board's actual prior year budget and additional expenditures in the prior year's budget aligned with the master plan.

Local Fiscal Effect: MSDE advises that the provisions repealed by the bill are obsolete. Therefore, BCPSS and Baltimore City finances are not affected. According to MSDE, in practice BCPSS is subject only to the comprehensive master plan requirements to which all local school systems must comply.

Additional Information

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