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House Bill 1323 (Delegate Haynes, *et al.*)
Ways and Means and Judiciary

Juvenile Services Education - Education Records and School Enrollment -
Requirements

This bill requires the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), after consultation with the Education Coordinating Council for Juvenile Services Educational Programs and local boards of education, to develop and implement (1) a procedure to transfer a copy of a student's education records from the school in which the student is enrolled to the facility in which the student is placed within seven days after a student is committed to the custody of and receiving services from DJS and (2) a procedure to develop a plan for the reenrollment of a school-age child in a public or private school before the child is released from the custody of DJS. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: MSDE and DJS can use existing budgeted resources to develop and implement required procedures.

Local Effect: It is anticipated that local boards of education can use existing budgeted resources to comply with any procedures developed and implemented.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: MSDE and DJS must work cooperatively to facilitate provisions regarding the education of juveniles within DJS facilities and may share

education records with each other when necessary to ensure the appropriate delivery of services.

MSDE first assumed responsibility for educating juveniles within residential facilities operated by DJS in 2003, when it assumed control over educational programming at one facility. Chapter 535 of 2004 expanded on these efforts and required MSDE to provide educational services in all of the residential facilities within specified timeframes. Chapter 535 also established the Coordinating Council for Juvenile Services Educational Programs, which develops, recommends, and approves educational programs for each DJS facility. MSDE has controlled educational programming at all DJS facilities since July 1, 2013.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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