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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
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Senate Bill 841

(Senator Kramer, *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

Ways and Means and Appropriations

Local School Systems - Student Field Trips - Funding

This bill requires the Governor to include \$500,000 in the annual budget bill for the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to provide grants to local school systems for expenses related to student field trips to museums of cultural import. “Museum of cultural import” means a museum that provides historic and sociological learning opportunities on the history and culture of an oppressed and historically underrepresented community, leaving attendees with a deeper understanding of the community and all people’s shared humanity, and includes (1) the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; (2) the National Museum of African American History and Culture; (3) the Jewish Museum of Maryland; and (4) the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures increase by \$500,000 annually beginning in FY 2025. MSDE can administer grants using existing resources. **This bill establishes a mandated appropriation beginning in FY 2025.**

(in dollars)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	0	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Net Effect	\$0	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)

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

Local Effect: Local school systems receive annual funding amounting to \$500,000 statewide, beginning in FY 2025. Expenditures increase accordingly.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The State of Maryland, through MSDE, provides annual grants to nonprofit organizations through the State Aided Institutions (SAI) program to provide enriching educational programs experiences to students and teachers that cannot be replicated in the classroom. The fiscal 2024 budget as passed by the General Assembly includes SAI funding amounting to \$18,080 for the Jewish Museum of Maryland and \$26,340 for the Reginald F. Lewis Museum. (The other two entities specified under the bill are located in Washington, DC.) State funding for SAIs and for student field trips is not mandated.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 1242 (Delegate Attar) - Rules and Executive Nominations.

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