

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 791 (Senator Young)  
Select Committee No. 11

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**Baltimore City - Tourism Special Benefits District Authority**

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This bill authorizes Baltimore City to establish by ordinance a Tourism Special Benefits District Authority to provide services and other benefits to the tourism and convention business interests of the district. A district ceases to exist five years after the effective date of the ordinance. The district must be within the following areas: (1) on the north, Cold Spring Lane; (2) on the west, Hilton Parkway; (3) on the south, Fort Avenue; and (4) on the east, Highland Avenue. The ordinance must specify the powers and functions of the authority and establish the organization and method of initial appointment of officers and board members of the authority. Before an ordinance may take effect, it must be approved in a special election by a majority of the business owners subject to the taxes and fees. The bill is effective from July 1, 1996 to June 30, 2001.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore City revenues and expenditures could increase by an indeterminate amount as discussed below.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Effect:** Since the Tourism Special Benefits District Authority would probably be considered a part of the Baltimore City government for financial reporting purposes, city revenues and expenditures could increase. This increase would depend upon the scope of the authority's activities and the amount of fees and taxes imposed on businesses. This information cannot be determined at this time.

Any costs associated with conducting a special election is assumed to be minimal.

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