

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1366 (Delegate Montague)
Judiciary

Family Law - Mediation

This bill allows parties to voluntarily submit “family disputes” to mediation before filing a petition for a proceeding regarding the dispute (e.g., divorce, alimony, child support). In addition, the bill allows a court in which a party has filed a petition regarding a family dispute to stipulate that the parties submit to mediation for any future disputes. Unless indigent, the parties must pay a proportionate share of the costs of mediation, as determined by the court.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect governmental finances.

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