

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 172 (Senator Kelley, *et al.*)
Judicial Proceedings

Clients' Security Trust Fund - Assessment

This bill allows the Court of Appeals to raise the annual assessment for the Clients' Security Trust Fund from \$20 to \$30 per year. The bill is effective July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Clients' Security Trust Fund revenues could increase by \$249,200 in FY 1998 if the assessment is increased. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal effect on attorneys that are subject to the assessment. Attorneys would face additional costs of \$10 per year.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: There were 24,919 attorneys subject to this fee in fiscal 1996. Assuming the Court of Appeals raises the fee to \$30, and assuming a constant number of attorneys, the additional fund income would be approximately \$249,190 in fiscal 1998 and each year thereafter.

In fiscal 1996 the fund paid claims of \$166,426 and had revenues from assessments and restitution of \$519,442.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Clients' Security Trust Fund, Department of Fiscal Services

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