

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 514 (Senator Hoffman, *et al.*)

Select Committee No. 11

Referred to Commerce and Government Matters

**Baltimore City - Community Benefits Districts -
Periodic Review - Continuation of Authority**

This amended bill extends the sunset date on Baltimore City's authority to establish community benefit districts from May 31, 1997 to May 31, 2000. Beginning with the 2000 session, the General Assembly must review every four years the desirability of continuing the existence of each community benefits district management authority. If the General Assembly does not approve an authority's existence, the authority will cease to exist. The bill is effective June 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Extending the sunset date on the city's authority to create community benefit districts would not directly affect the city's finances.

Small Business Effect: To the extent that Baltimore City utilizes the authority to create additional community benefit districts, small businesses in these districts could be minimally impacted as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: Baltimore City advises that it has established two community benefit districts to date. Under current law, the city may create up to six community benefit districts.

Under the bill, the city may create up to four additional districts until May 31, 2000. If the city exercises this authority, small businesses in the newly created community benefit districts could be impacted depending upon the scope of the district's services, especially its efforts in promoting the district.

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