

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 465 (Delegate Edwards)
Commerce and Government Matters

Garrett County - Procurement - Professional Services

This bill allows the Garrett County Commissioners to award contracts for professional services, such as architectural, consulting, engineering, legal, or other similar professional services, based on competitive proposals, through competitive negotiations, or by any other process the county commissioners consider appropriate. Under current law, the county commissioners may not enter into a contract that exceeds \$15,000 without advertising for bids in at least one newspaper.

The bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Indeterminate effect on expenditures. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: Garrett County expenditures could decrease to the extent that the authority to choose any procurement method deemed appropriate for the procurement of professional services is more efficient and cost effective. However, the savings could be offset to some extent by higher priced contracts if less competitive processes are used.

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