

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Joint Resolution 15 (Delegate Minnick, Chairman, Baltimore Co. Delegation  
and Delegate Edwards, Chairman, Western MD Delegation)  
Appropriations

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**Railroads - Competitive Access of Class I Railroads - Maryland Midland Railway  
Plan**

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This joint resolution urges the Governor, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, and members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation to request the federal Surface Transportation Board to include certain conditions in the board's approval of any merger of CSX, Conrail, and Norfolk Southern. The conditions include (1) competitive railroad access to the State by at least two Class I railroads; and (2) Maryland Midland Railway, Inc. to implement the provisions of their four-part proposal.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Compliance with this joint resolution would not directly affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None. The joint resolution would not directly affect small businesses.

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