Department of Legislative Services

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FISCAL NOTE Revised

House Joint Resolution 20 (Delegate Taylor)

Commerce & Government Matters

Ethics Law - Study Commission on Lobbyist Ethics

This bill establishes a 13-member commission to study lobbying practices and standards of ethics for regulated lobbyists, formulate a code of ethics for lobbyists, and propose any appropriate changes to the Maryland Public Ethics Law as it relates to regulated lobbyists. The task force is to be staffed by the Department of Legislative Services and the State Ethics Commission and shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The Department of Legislative Services and State Ethics Commission could provide staff support with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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