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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 612 (Delegate Gettv)

Judiciary

State Prosecutor - Immunity and Subpoena Power

This bill authorizes the State Prosecutor to request that a court order an individual to testify if the prosecutor determines that the testimony may be necessary to the public interest and the individual has refused or is likely to refuse to testify on the basis of the individual's privilege against self-incrimination. This testimony cannot be used against the witness, except in a prosecution for perjury, obstruction of justice, or otherwise failing to comply with the order. Further, the bill gives the State Prosecutor the power to subpoena telephone, business, governmental, or corporate records or documents.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Any increase in the workload of the Office of the State Prosecutor could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Office of the State Prosecutor, Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

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