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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 399 (Delegate Hurson)

Commerce and Government Matters

Ethics Law - County Officials - State Legislators - Applicability of Both State and Local Laws

This bill provides that each county official, each member of a county or multicounty commission, and each member of the General Assembly shall be subject to the more stringent of the conflict of interest provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law or the conflict of interest provisions of the applicable county's public interest law. The State Ethics Commission shall determine which of the 2 laws is more stringent.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill specifies that it does not affect the jurisdiction of the State Ethics Commission, the Joint Ethics Committee, or any county ethics commission as to officials who are subject to the bill. The bill would require the State Ethics Commission to analyze all local ethics laws, but it is expected that such work could be performed by existing staff using existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): State Ethics Commission, Department of Legislative Services

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