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House Bill 1231
Appropriations

(Delegate Moe, *et al.*)

Maryland Whistleblower Law - Disclosure of Information - Public Information
Officers

This bill prohibits any reprisal against a public information officer of a unit of State or local government who discloses information to the media.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not directly impact State finances.

Local Effect: The bill would not directly impact local government finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Maryland Whistleblower Law protects Executive Branch employees from retaliation for reporting (1) abuses of authority, gross mismanagement, or gross waste of money; (2) a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety; or (3) a violation of law. The law applies only to an employee in the Executive Branch, including units with independent personnel systems.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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