

Department of Legislative Services  
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 739

(Chair, Appropriations Committee)(By Request -  
Departmental - Human Resources)

Appropriations

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**Sexual Assault Crisis Programs and Domestic Violence Programs - Transfer to  
the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention**

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This departmental bill transfers responsibility and funding for sexual assault crisis programs and domestic violence programs from the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP).

The bill takes effect July 1, 2011.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Transferring responsibility and funding for programs between State agencies will not materially affect State finances. The FY 2012 State budget contains a general fund appropriation of \$3.1 million, which includes a general fund increase of \$534,800 in related program funds to GOCCP, and a federal fund appropriation of \$2.1 million for the programs being statutorily transferred to GOCCP. Out-year revenues and expenditures assume a budgeted growth rate of 1% annually.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** DHR has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** DHR must help establish sexual assault crisis programs in the State. The programs must provide specialized support services to adult and minor alleged victims of sexual assault crimes and include hotline and counseling services. DHR may award grants to public or nonprofit organizations to operate the programs.

The Secretary of Human Resources must establish a program to help domestic violence victims and their children. The purpose of the program is to provide victims and their children temporary shelter or help in finding shelter, counseling, information, referrals, and rehabilitation. As funds become available, DHR may establish additional shelters or provide funds or technical assistance to local organizations or agencies that are able to run domestic violence programs.

**Background:** Contingent upon the enactment of this bill, authorizing the transfer of sexual assault, domestic violence, and rape crisis programs to GOCCP, the general fund appropriation of \$2.6 million and the federal fund appropriation of \$2.1 million for these programs will be transferred to GOCCP in accordance with fiscal 2012 budget bill language. Of the \$4.7 million appropriation, \$3.6 million is related to the Domestic Violence Program and \$1.1 million is related to the Rape Crisis Services Program. An additional \$534,838 in general funds is provided to GOCCP for these programs in the fiscal 2012 State budget. Total program revenues and expenditures are expected to grow at about 1% annually.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** HB 1445 of 2009 received a hearing in the House Appropriations Committee but was subsequently withdrawn.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, Department of Human Resources, Department of Legislative Services

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## ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Criminal Procedure and Family Law – Transfer of Sexual Assault Crisis Programs and the Domestic Violence Program to the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention

BILL NUMBER: HB 739

PREPARED BY: Department of Human Resources

### PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS

OR

WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESSES

### PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

The proposed legislation will have no impact on small business in Maryland.