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## Senate Bill 720

Date: March 10, 2020  
Committee: Finance  
Bill Title: Regulations Affecting Small Businesses - Certification of Comparable Local Regulation  
RE: **Letter of Information**

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As amended, the Maryland Department of Labor believes that it would be able to comply with the provisions of this bill utilizing existing resources. While there would need to be operational adjustments to ensure compliance, it is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Department.

The amendments shift the onus of responsibility for reviewing local regulations from the State to the local jurisdictions. As amended, SB 720 would require local jurisdictions to provide "notice" to any State Agency if local jurisdiction regulations are as stringent or comparable to proposed state regulations.

When notice is received by a State Agency, Agency staff will research, review and/or cross-reference Maryland's local government units and their existing regulations in order to determine if those local regulations are indeed of a comparable nature. If said regulations are deemed comparable, the Agency must issue a certification to that effect. It is anticipated that this can be accomplished within existing resources.