

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 320 (Delegate Petzold, et al.)
Commerce and Government Matters

Claims - Structured Settlements

This bill authorizes the State to enter into a structured settlement of a tort claim against the State. If a structured settlement is entered into, the claimant is required to select the investment company.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential indeterminate expenditure decrease. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Structured settlements are already available and utilized under provisions for settlement of constitutional claims. The Attorney General's Office presumes that structured settlements are also available under current tort claims provisions. However, there could be a possible but indeterminate savings to the State whenever the claim settlement amount is less than the cap and the claimant will accept an annuity payment. Requiring the claimant in these settlements to select the investment company should not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

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