

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 900 (Delegate Mandel, et al.)

Commerce & Government Matters

Referred to Economic & Environmental Affairs

Local Government - Computer Software Programs - Sale, Lease, or Licensing

This amended bill authorizes local governments to sell, lease, or license to the public any computer software program produced or developed by or for the local jurisdiction. The local government may adopt a price structure for the sale or lease of computer software programs.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Indeterminate increase in local revenues. Expenditures are not affected.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: Local revenues could increase to the extent that local governments produce or develop their own computer software programs and the pricing structure implemented in each jurisdiction. Montgomery and Somerset counties advise that since they use primarily “canned” software programs that have copyright protections, their revenues would not be affected.

Information Source(s): Montgomery County, Somerset County, Department of Fiscal Services

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