

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1150 (Charles County Delegation)
Environmental Matters

**Charles County - Employees of Long-Term Care and Adult Day Care Facilities -
Criminal Background Investigations**

This bill requires employers and employees who work in long-term elderly care and adult day care facilities in Charles County to obtain criminal history record checks.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund expenditures and federal fund revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The Data Services Division (DSD) of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services collects \$42 for each criminal background check to offset the cost of national and Maryland criminal history record checks. As the requirements of this bill are similar to that for child care workers, and assuming fewer than 1,000 record checks annually, there would be no additional cost to the DSD.

To the extent that costs of these background checks are charged to Medicaid, general fund expenditures could increase. Under current law, 50% of Medicaid expenditures for nursing homes are reimbursable by federal funds. However, Congress is considering legislation that may cap the amount of funds that states receive under Medicaid. As a result, it's possible that any additional Medicaid expenditures will be funded entirely with general funds.

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