Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1450 (Chairman, Judiciary Committee) (Commission on Uniform State Laws)

Judiciary

Uniform Certification of Questions of Law Act

This bill revises the Uniform Certification of Questions of Law Act. Among other provisions, the bill expands the current Act by requiring the Court of Appeals to notify the court certifying a question of law to it of the acceptance or rejection of the question of law. Further, the Court of Appeals must respond to an accepted certified question as soon as practicable. The Court of Appeals is also authorized to reformulate a question of law certified to it and determine relevant facts to the question in controversy if the parties cannot agree upon a statement of facts.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Fiscal Services

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