

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 140 (Senator Teitelbaum, et al.)
(Chairman, Ad Hoc Work Group on Procurement)
Economic and Environmental Affairs Referred to Commerce & Government Matters

Procurement - Conflict of Interest

This enrolled bill provides that an individual may submit certain information to an executive agency that is drafting specifications or requesting proposals for a procurement and still participate in the bid process. This information can include descriptive literature or specification samples; written comments on a specification or solicitation during the prebid or preproposal process; specifications for a sole source procurement; or architectural and engineering services for programming or project planning services. Written comments must be solicited from two or more persons, and any sole source procurement must follow statutory guidelines.

This bill is effective July 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal decrease in expenditures. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: Potential minimal decrease in expenditures. Revenues would not be affected.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: This bill would allow procurement officers to gather more information on the products and services for which they are soliciting bids. Allowing for more information in the contract procedure could result in some minimal cost savings to the State.

Local Expenditures: Local governments would only be affected if they follow State procurement guidelines. In such cases, expenditures could potentially decrease as discussed

above.

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