

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 300 (Senator Stoltzfus, et al.)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

General Assembly - Limitation on Introduction of Bills

This bill allows a member of the General Assembly to introduce up to nine bills during a regular or special legislative session. This limitation does not apply to bills introduced on behalf of the administration, any executive branch agency, or a local government.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could decline as described below. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The number of bills which could be introduced under this bill would be 1,692, excluding administration, departmental, and local government bills. During the last five years, an average of 2,414 bills and joint resolutions were introduced annually. About 300 administration, departmental, and local bills were introduced annually. Thus, over the last five years, there has been an average of 422 bills introduced over the 1,692 limit.

It seems likely that, due to the specific exemption from the limitation, the number of administration, departmental, and local government bills would increase to some extent. Additionally, there would be fewer bills addressing the same law changes. Nonetheless, the number of bills introduced would probably decline.

The preparation and processing of a bill costs over \$500. If this bill reduced the number of bills introduced by 200, general fund expenditures could decline by somewhat more than \$100,000 annually. This reflects some reduction in contractual assistance and some direct costs relating to bill printing and preparation.

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