

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 131 (Senator Hollinger, et al.)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

AIDS - Pregnant Women - Counseling and Testing

This bill requires health care providers to counsel pregnant women about being tested for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) as part of a prenatal care program. It requires that the health care provider discuss the effect of a positive HIV test regarding the risk of transmission of HIV to the fetus and recognized methods of reducing that risk during pregnancy. It also provides safeguards for a woman regarding confidentiality of records and coercion in testing.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill codifies existing practice in maternity clinics operated by local health departments.

Local Effect: None. The bill codifies existing practice in maternity clinics operated by local health departments.

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