

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 761 (Senator Blount)
Economic & Environmental Affairs Referred to Commerce & Government Matters

Ethics Law -
Lobbying Regulation - Exemption of Independent Colleges and Universities

This enrolled bill exempts specified officials of nonprofit independent colleges or universities in the State from having to register as a lobbyist with the Ethics Commission when activities aimed at influencing legislative action are performed within the official duties of their position. The exemption does not apply if the official duties of the individual consist primarily of attempting to influence legislative or executive action.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal decrease in general fund revenues and expenditures, as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Because the bill would decrease the number of people who are required to register as lobbyists with the Ethics Commission, revenues stemming from the \$20 registration fee and expenditures associated with lobbyist registration and reporting would decrease. Any revenue and expenditure decrease would be minimal because only a small number of registrations would be affected by the bill.

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