

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Joint Resolution 1 (Senator Ferguson)
Judicial Proceedings

Abortion - Declaration of Human Rights

This resolution declares that an abortion performed solely as a means of birth control is unacceptable and that human rights transcend all other special interests.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Since a joint resolution is an expression of legislative intent only, compliance is not required and expenditures are not directly affected. Should the terms of this joint resolution be complied with, however, expenditures could increase by an indeterminate amount as discussed below.

Local Effect: Since a joint resolution is an expression of legislative intent only, compliance is not required and expenditures are not directly affected. Should the terms of this joint resolution be complied with, however, expenditures could increase by an indeterminate amount as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Medicaid-funded abortions would not be affected due to budget bill language restrictions placed on the conditions under which the Medical Assistance Program pays for abortions. State expenditures could increase by an indeterminate amount, however, to the extent that women who might have previously had non-public funded abortions bear children who become eligible for public assistance (Aid to Families with Dependent Children), Medicaid, or State employee health benefits, or use health services provided by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or local health departments. It is not possible at this time to estimate the number of women and children for whom these conditions apply.

Local Expenditures: Local expenditures could increase by an indeterminate amount to the extent that women who might have previously had non-public funded abortions bear children

who use health services provided by local health departments. It is not possible at this time to estimate the number of women and children for whom these conditions apply.

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