

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 612 (Delegate Curran, et al.)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**Maryland Gives! - Establishment of Task Force on Charitable Giving**

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This bill establishes a 19-member task force known as "Maryland Gives!" to develop a strategy to double the amount of charitable giving by individuals and corporations in Maryland within five years. The task force consists of one member of the House of Delegates, one member of the Senate, and 17 members appointed by the Governor, as specified.

The mission of the task force includes recommendations and analyses in the areas of tax laws, public relations, economic impact, and other matters as they relate to charitable giving. The initial set of recommendations from the task force is due by December 1, 1996. Updated reports are due annually thereafter, with a final report due by December 1, 2001. The task force is terminated after that date.

This bill is effective July 1, 1996.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Minimal. It is assumed that task force members would be reimbursed for expenses under the standard State travel regulations. Any such expenditures would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of meetings. Expenses are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within the Governor's and General Assembly's existing resources. Staff would be provided within the Governor's existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

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