

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 92 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee)
(Departmental - Office of Administrative Hearings)
Judicial Proceedings Referred to Commerce and Government Matters

Administrative Procedure Act - Telephone and Video Conferencing

This amended departmental bill expands the type of electronic contested case hearings that may be conducted by specifically including video conferencing. The bill also establishes the parameters under which a party may object to a hearing by telephone, video conferencing, or other electronic means. Further, the Office of Administrative Hearings is required to report specified information to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee before October 1 of each year.

The bill takes effect June 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The Office of Administrative Hearings currently holds video hearings under a pilot project with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The bill's reporting requirements can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Office of Administrative Hearings has determined that this bill has no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

Information Source(s): Office of Administrative Hearings, Department of Fiscal Services

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