

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1143 (Delegate Montague)  
Judiciary

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**Estates and Trusts - Standby Guardian**

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This bill alters the judicial appointment and parental designation procedures of a standby guardian of a minor when there is significant risk of death or incapacity to the “person with parental rights”. Notification procedures and methodologies are specified.

The bill details challenge procedures for appointments and designations. The factors that must be considered by a court in deciding a challenge are delineated. Applicable forms are altered to accommodate these altered procedures.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. These changes are basically procedural in nature and would not directly affect governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

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