Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 473 (Senator Ruben, et al.) Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Child Safety Seat and Seat Belt Use

This bill clarifies the age and weight provisions of the child safety seat law and requires that a person transporting the child shall secure the child in a child safety seat in accordance with the safety seat and vehicle manufacturer's instructions. The bill also provides that a person may not transport a child under the age of 16 unless the child is secured in: (1) a child safety seat; or (2) a seat belt.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Indeterminate general fund revenue increase from the penalty provision applicable to violation of the child safety seat and seat belt law (\$25 fine). Any increase is assumed to be minimal. Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None. Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

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