

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 693 (Senator Collins, et al.)
(Chairman, Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Ethics Law - Financial Disclosure and Lobbyist Reporting - Special Events

This bill provides that an official is not required to disclose attendance at a special event as a gift if it will be reported by a lobbyist. The bill also expands conditions under which a presiding officer of either house of the General Assembly is exempted from being named in a lobbyist's disclosure report by deeming presiding officers to be ex officio members of any standing committee, in their respective chamber, whose members are invited to attend a special event. In addition, the bill requires a lobbyist to disclose total expenditures for special events when, for the purpose of influencing executive or legislative action, all members of a county or regional delegation of the General Assembly that is recognized by a presiding officer are invited.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Any additional workload stemming from the bill could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

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