

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 324 (Delegate Grosfeld, et al.)  
Judiciary

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

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**Child Support Enforcement - Legal Representation**

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This amended bill allows the Child Support Enforcement Administration (CSEA) to be the complainant in a paternity proceeding where CSEA is providing child support services under federal law. CSEA is also allowed to initiate legal proceedings to establish, modify, or enforce a duty of support.

The bill also clarifies that an attorney representing CSEA in a legal proceeding has an attorney-client relationship with CSEA. Further, the attorney must advise any person CSEA has approved for services that representation of CSEA does not create an attorney-client relationship between the attorney and that person.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill's changes can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

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