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Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1395 (Delegate Pitkin) Judiciary

Circuit Courts - Cases Awaiting Decision - Report

This bill requires each Circuit Administrative Judge to report to the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, twice each year, all cases that have been (1) before the circuit courts or submitted for judgement; and (2) awaiting a decision or judgement for at least six months since arguments and submission of evidence were completed. The bill specifies the information that must be included in the reports and directs the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the Circuit Administrative Judges to make the reports available to the public.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources. The Judiciary already publishes a report based upon similar information.

Local Effect: None.

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