

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 45 (Senator Middlebrooks)  
Judicial Proceedings

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**Homicide - Prosecution - "Year and a Day" Rule Abolished**

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This bill abolishes the common law rule which bars prosecution for homicide unless the victim dies within a year and a day from the time the fatal injury was inflicted. The bill affects only offenses committed after the bill takes effect.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. It is assumed that this bill would apply in a limited number of cases and therefore the budgets of the Judiciary, Public Defender, and Division of Correction would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None. It is assumed that this bill would apply in a limited number of cases and therefore not affect the budgets of the State's Attorneys' offices.

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**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Office of the Public Defender; Department of Fiscal Services

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