

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1236 (Delegate Kach)
Judiciary

Family Law - Custody and Visitation - Mediation

This bill requires a court to appoint a mediator for disputes concerning child custody or visitation. The bill also requires a court to determine the method of payment for the mediation and outlines the mediation proceedings. In addition, the bill requires that the mediation agreement be incorporated into any custody or visitation order, unless the court determines that the agreement is not in the best interest of the child.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The requirements can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

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