

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 1246 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)  
(Departmental - Archives, Maryland State)

Environmental Matters Referred to Economic and Environmental Affairs

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Vital Records

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This amended departmental bill changes definitions and disclosure requirements with regard to vital records.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in special fund revenues and expenditures.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Maryland State Archives has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Effect:** Because the bill allows disclosure of vital records that are restricted under current law, special fund revenues could increase to the extent that the Maryland State Archives receives additional inquiries for vital records, each of which would require payment of a \$5 fee. Additional revenues generated from the bill would be offset by increased expenditures associated with the additional workload (e.g., mailing additional vital records). Any increase in revenues and expenditures is expected to be minimal.

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