Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 257 (Delegate M. Burns, et al.) Commerce and Government Matters

Lobbyists - Solicitation of Political Contributions - Restrictions

This bill expands the prohibition against lobbyists soliciting or transmitting contributions to include the campaigns of incumbents in, or candidates for election to, certain offices. These offices include the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, and Attorney General. In addition, the bill prohibits lobbyists from serving on fund-raising committees or political committees for the benefit of these persons.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Restricting the conduct of lobbyists would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Information Source(s): State Administrative Board of Election Laws, State Ethics Commission, Department of Fiscal Services

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