

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 88 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)  
(Departmental - Human Resources)

Judiciary

Referred to Finance

Social Services - Confidentiality of Records

This amended departmental bill provides for the disclosure of confidential social service records to: (1) out-of-state government officials; (2) local or State child care licensing and regulation officials; (3) directors of licensed child care facilities or placement agencies; and (4) individuals with an order from an Administrative Law Judge.

Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. Disclosure of confidential records to certain entities would not have a direct impact on State finances; however, it could reduce the number of court orders requesting the disclosure of confidential records.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Human Resources 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.)

**Information Source(s):** Department of Human Resources

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