

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 528 (Delegate Vallario)
Judiciary

**Local Government Tort Claims Act - Limitations on Liability -
Interest on Judgement Not Included**

This bill specifies that the monetary limits on the liability of a local government in claims for damages resulting from tortious acts or omissions do not include interest accrued on a judgement. The bill applies only prospectively and does not have any effect on any final judgements made before October 1, 1996.

Under the Local Government Tort Claims Act, a local government's liability is limited to \$200,000 per an individual claim and \$500,000 per total claims that arise from the same occurrence for damages resulting from tortious acts or omissions.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Local government expenditures could potentially increase due to the exclusion of interest costs from the Local Government Tort Claims Act liability limitations. Accordingly, local governments may incur costs in excess of the limits. At this time, the expenditure increase cannot be determined.

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