

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 568 (Senator Stone)
Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Judiciary

State Officers and Employees - Criminal Actions - Reimbursement of Counsel Fees

This amended bill repeals the requirement that the Board of Public Works must find that a State employee was acting in good faith in a matter that was the subject of criminal charges in order to reimburse or pay counsel fees.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: State Insurance Trust Fund expenditures could potentially increase. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Only one to two reimbursements of counsel fees are made per year under current law. Because employees must no longer be acting in good faith to receive reimbursements for counsel fees, more reimbursements could be paid under this bill. The increase in expenditures, if any, cannot reliably be estimated.

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