

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 1209 (Delegate Vallario, et al.)
Judiciary

Court Costs - Victims of Crime

This bill assesses a \$5 court cost on all criminal cases in which a defendant is found guilty, pleads guilty or nolo contendere, or is given probation before judgment during fiscal year 1997. The revenue goes to the Victims of Crime Fund. The bill also gives the Governor the authority to transfer any revenue from this bill to the Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Program.

This bill is effective on July 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Victims of Crime Fund revenues would increase by \$511,000 in FY 1997 only. The Governor's proposed Supplemental Budget No. 2 includes \$511,000 for the Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Program contingent upon the enactment of this bill.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Victims of Crime Fund revenue could increase by \$511,000 in fiscal 1997 only based on fiscal 1995 data. Pursuant to the proposed Supplemental Budget No. 2, these funds will be transferred to the Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Program. Expenditures of the Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Program would rise accordingly.

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