

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1259 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Transportation)
Commerce and Government Matters

**Procurement Law - Transportation Professional Services Selection Board -
Architectural or Engineering Services Contracts**

This departmental bill provides that in its competitive selection procedure, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) must consider engineering and design quality and ensure maximum competition by professional companies of all sizes. In determining compensation for architectural or engineering services, MDOT must comply with limits on cost reimbursements as established by the Transportation Selection Board.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill codifies existing practice. However, it should be noted that new federal requirements prohibit limits on cost reimbursements for any projects involving federal funds unless the authority for these limits is contained in State statute. Should these limits be prohibited, State expenditures for architectural or engineering services could increase significantly.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: A small business impact statement was not provided by the Department of Transportation in time for inclusion in this fiscal note. A revised fiscal note will be issued when the department's assessment becomes available.

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