

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 560 (Senators Jimeno and Middlebrooks)
Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Judiciary

Juvenile Causes - Open Hearings

This enrolled bill provides that a court may exclude the public from a hearing in which a child is alleged to be in need of supervision or assistance or to have committed an act that would be a misdemeanor if committed by an adult. A court is prohibited from excluding the public from a hearing in which a child is alleged to have committed an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult, except upon a finding of good cause. A court is required to announce adjudications and dispositions in open court in cases in which a child is alleged to have committed an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult, except upon a finding of good cause.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not substantively affect State activities or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Fiscal Services

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