

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 381 (Delegate Harkins)
Judiciary

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Recovery by Minor in Tort - Trust Assets

This amended bill allows a trustee for a minor who recovers in tort to invest or reinvest the proceeds in a stock fund that has a principal investment objective of long-term growth or capital appreciation through investments in equity securities. The bill also establishes a limit of 30% on the percentage of trust assets that may be invested in these stock mutual funds, and increases the maximum amount of trust assets that may be invested in money market funds from 25% to 30%. Investments in any combination of money market funds and stock mutual funds may not exceed 30% of the trust assets at the time of investment. The bill applies to trusts in existence on or after October 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill does not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. To the extent that the amount of trust assets that may be invested would increase, this bill would have a negligible effect on small businesses involved in investments and securities.

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