

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 172 (Delegate Grosfeld, *et al.*)
Judiciary

Child Support Enforcement - Legal Representation

This bill allows the Child Support Enforcement Administration (CSEA) to be the complainant in a paternity proceeding where CSEA is providing child support services under federal law. CSEA is also allowed to initiate legal proceedings to establish, modify, or enforce a duty of support.

The bill also clarifies that an attorney representing CSEA in a legal proceeding has an attorney-client relationship with CSEA. Further, the attorney must advise any person CSEA has approved for services that representation of CSEA does not create an attorney-client relationship between the attorney and that person.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's changes could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

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

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