

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 132 (Senator Forehand)  
Judicial Proceedings

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**Child Abuse - Out of Court Statements**

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This bill allows out of court statements of child abuse victims offered to any person to be admissible in criminal or juvenile court proceedings, if the court finds the statements possess guarantees of trustworthiness.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. This evidentiary change would not directly affect governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

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

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