

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1113 (Chairman, Judiciary Committee, *et al.*)  
(Departmental - Juvenile Justice)

Judiciary

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Juvenile Causes - Open Hearings

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This departmental bill requires that juvenile court proceedings be conducted in open court for cases involving delinquent acts that would be felonies if committed by an adult, unless good cause is shown. The court is required to announce in open court adjudications and dispositions for cases involving delinquent acts that would be felonies if committed by an adult, unless good cause is shown. The public may be excluded from juvenile court proceedings for cases involving delinquent acts that would be misdemeanors if committed by an adult, or for cases in which a child is alleged to be in need of supervision or assistance.

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Fiscal Summary

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

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** A small business impact statement was not provided by the Department of Juvenile Justice 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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Fiscal Analysis

**Additional Comments:** There were 11,923 juvenile court proceedings in fiscal 1996 which involved delinquent acts that would have been felonies if committed by an adult.

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

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