

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Joint Resolution 23 (Delegate Marriott, *et al.*)
Commerce and Government Matters

Commission on Concentrated Poverty in Maryland

This joint resolution requests the Governor to establish a 19-member Commission on Concentrated Poverty in Maryland to study the extent and implications of concentrated poverty in Maryland. The Office of the Governor will provide staff for the commission.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

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

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Because a joint resolution is an expression of legislative intent only, compliance is not required and expenditures/revenues are not directly affected. Should the terms of this joint resolution be complied with, the Office of the Governor advises that expenditures could increase by an estimated \$41,700 in fiscal 1998 and \$21,000 in fiscal 1999. The estimate includes \$34,794 for one contractual position, \$6,413 for additional food and travel costs for seven non-government members and the contractual staff position, and \$500 in other operating expenses. Fiscal Services advises that actual expense reimbursements would depend upon the frequency, time, and location of the commission's meetings. In any event, it is expected that any staffing and reimbursements could be handled with the existing resources of the Office of the Governor.

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