

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 34 (Delegate Goldwater, *et al.*)  
Judiciary

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

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**Child Abuse - Out of Court Statements - Nurses**

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This amended bill allows an out of court statement by a nurse in a proceeding for certain child abuse violations to be admissible if the statement was made to and is offered by the nurse lawfully acting within the scope of the individual's profession.

Further, the bill repeals the requirement that the out of court statements be made to and be offered by specified individuals who possess occupational licenses.

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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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