

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 944 (Delegate Walkup, *et al.*)
Commerce and Government Matters

Task Force on the Verification of the Documentation of Migrant Workers

This bill establishes a 13-member Task Force on the Documentation of Migrant Workers to study the problems faced by Maryland employers in determining the validity of the documentation of migrant workers and develop recommendations to facilitate the process. The Department of Legislative Reference (DLR) must staff the task force. The task force must report its finding to the Legislative Policy Committee by October 1, 1997.

This bill is effective July 1, 1997 and sunsets October 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None, as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal impact on small businesses as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Task force members would be reimbursed for expenses under the standard State travel regulations. Any such expenditures would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the task force's meetings. Expenses are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources. Staff support for the task force can be provided by DLR with existing personnel.

Small Business Effect: To the extent that the task force formulates recommendations that are then implemented, small businesses that hire documented migrant workers could benefit from any improvements to the current verification process.

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