

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 564 (Senator Jimeno)
Judicial Proceedings

Appeals from Criminal Cases Heard in the District Court

This bill requires that appeals from criminal cases from the District Court must be heard on the record made in District Court. The bill also repeals a provision that requires the following types of cases to be tried *de novo*: (1) a criminal case in which sentence has been imposed or suspended following a plea of *nolo contendere* or guilty; and (2) an appeal in a municipal infraction or Code violation case.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The reduction in workload for the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Public Defender is not expected to materially decrease State expenditures.

Local Effect: The reduction in workload for the circuit courts and State's Attorneys statewide is not expected to materially decrease local expenditures.

Small Business Effect: None. While this bill could allow for more expeditious enforcement of municipal infractions and code violations, it should not have a material effect on the outcome of such appeals.

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