

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 1036 (Delegate Harkins)
Judiciary

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Circuit Courts - Arrest Warrants - Forms

This amended bill establishes the form and content of arrest warrants that must be used by the circuit courts. The bill provides that failure to use the form as described in the bill may not be construed to have any effect on an otherwise lawful arrest. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in expenditures as discussed below.

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

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: Local expenditures could increase as circuit courts replace current arrest warrant forms with the new forms that are outlined in the bill. Generally, new forms represent one-time costs for the circuit courts of approximately \$1,000 per jurisdiction. However, the costs may be less for some jurisdictions to the extent that the delayed effective date of the bill would allow more time to deplete the current supply of forms. In such cases, the new forms could be ordered as a matter of routine and therefore would not increase costs.

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