

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 309 (Senator Amoss) (Chairman, Joint Committee on Pensions)
Budget and Taxation Referred to Appropriations

Pensions - Arbitration of Claims - Upgrades of Computer Systems

This amended bill allows the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System (MSRPS) to submit to arbitration any claims arising in connection with the implementation and operation of the upgrade to the State Retirement Agency's data processing and electronic data management system. Under current law, in the event of a dispute with its prospective computer services contractor, the Retirement Agency would be required to invoke State procurement law dispute resolution processes. The bill takes effect July 1, 1997 and sunsets June 30, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Utilizing binding arbitration in its prospective contract with a private firm to upgrade its computer system would allow the Retirement Agency to resolve disputes more quickly and efficiently. The agency reports that arbitration provisions are standard in the computer industry. There is no additional cost associated with this proposal.

Local Effect: None.

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

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