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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly - Fiscal Notes - Mandated Spending**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring fiscal notes of bills, as introduced or amended, that
4 impose a funding mandate on the State, to contain certain information relating
5 to levels of current and future mandated State funding; and generally relating
6 to fiscal notes prepared for legislation considered by the General Assembly.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - State Government
9 Section 2-1505(e)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - State Government**

15 2-1505.

16 (e) (1) A fiscal note for a bill shall contain an estimate of the fiscal impact of
17 the bill on the revenues and expenditures of the State government and of local
18 governments:

19 (i) during the year in which the bill is to become effective and the
20 next 4 years after that year; and

21 (ii) if the full fiscal impact of a bill is not expected to occur during
22 those years, during each year until and the first year during which that impact is
23 expected to occur.

24 (2) If a bill, as introduced or amended, imposes a mandate on a local
25 government unit, the fiscal note for the bill shall contain:

26 (i) a statement that clearly identifies the imposition of the
27 mandate; and

1 (ii) an estimate of the fiscal impact of the mandate and, if
2 applicable and if data is available, the effect on local property tax rates.

3 (3) IF A BILL, AS INTRODUCED OR AMENDED, IMPOSES OR AMENDS A
4 FUNDING MANDATE ON THE STATE, THE FISCAL NOTE FOR THE BILL SHALL
5 CONTAIN:

6 (I) A STATEMENT THAT CLEARLY IDENTIFIES THE IMPOSITION OR
7 ALTERATION OF THE MANDATE;

8 (II) A STATEMENT THAT INDICATES THE CURRENT LEVEL OF ALL
9 MANDATED STATE FUNDING IN THE STATE BUDGET EXPRESSED:

10 1. IN A DOLLAR AMOUNT; AND

11 2. AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL
12 FUNDING IN THE STATE BUDGET; AND

13 (III) A STATEMENT THAT INDICATES THE EFFECT THE FUNDING
14 MANDATE WILL HAVE ON FUTURE LEVELS OF ALL MANDATED STATE FUNDING IN
15 THE STATE BUDGET IF THE BILL IS ENACTED INTO LAW, EXPRESSED:

16 1. IN A DOLLAR AMOUNT; AND

17 2. AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL OF ALL FUNDING IN
18 THE STATE BUDGET.

19 [(3)] (4) A fiscal note shall identify the sources of the information that
20 the Department used in preparing the estimates of fiscal impact.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
22 effect October 1, 1998.