

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 171 (Delegate Gettv)

Judiciary

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**State Prosecutor - Immunity and Subpoena Power**

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This bill authorizes the State Prosecutor to request that a court order an individual to testify if the prosecutor determines that the testimony may be necessary to the public interest and the individual has refused or is likely to refuse to testify. This testimony cannot be used against the witness, except in prosecution for perjury, obstruction of justice, or otherwise failing to comply with the order. Further, the bill gives the State Prosecutor the power to subpoena an individual to produce telephone, business, governmental, or corporate records or documents.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Any increase in the workload of the Office of the State Prosecutor could be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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