

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 401 (Delegate Montague. *et al.*)

Judiciary

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**Criminal Procedure - Presentence Investigations - Community Impact Statements**

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This bill allows community associations to submit community impact statements in criminal cases. A community impact statement must include an itemization of any economic loss sustained, an identification of any physical injury suffered, and a description of any effects on the community resulting from the offense. The court must consider the community impact statement in determining the appropriate sentence or disposition of the case.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. It is expected that any increased workload for the State resulting from this bill could be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None. It is expected that any increased workload for local governments resulting from this bill could be handled with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Small Business Effect:** This bill could cause courts to become more responsive to the losses sustained by community associations that are victims of crime. Consequently, courts may impose more sentences that include provisions benefitting community associations, such as restitution and community service.

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