

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1301 (Delegates Weir and Guns)

Environmental Matters

Local Emergency Preparedness Plans

This bill requires each county and Baltimore City to submit an Emergency Preparedness Plan for responding to emergencies that involve hazardous materials or controlled hazardous substances by October 1, 1998 to the Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency. Under current law each county and Baltimore City is required to have such a plan and to have submitted it by July 1, 1987. The bill also requires each county and Baltimore City to review its Emergency Preparedness Plan annually and to submit any changes to the plan to the agency. The bill also deletes an incorrect reference in current law to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

The bill is effective July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The counties and Baltimore City currently have emergency preparedness plans dealing with hazardous materials. Submitting these plans or any changes to the plans on an annual basis to the Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency therefore would have no effect on revenues or expenditures.

Small Business Effect: None.

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