

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 651 (Senator Hollinger)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Health Occupations - Medical Review Committees - Confidential Information**

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This bill adds accrediting organizations to the list of organizations that are prohibited from releasing the proceedings, records, and files of a medical review committee, if the accrediting organization receives the information for purposes of ensuring compliance with accreditation requirements or the policies of the accrediting organization. If an accrediting organization, or any of the specified organizations in current law, requests the proceedings, records, and files of a medical review committee, the requesting entity must: (1) give the medical review committee notice of the nature of the request; and (2) the medical review committee must be granted a protective order preventing the release of its proceedings, records, and files. The bill also specifies that an accrediting organization is a medical review committee.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill does not directly affect State finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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