

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1202 (Delegate Harkins)

Commerce and Government Matters

General Assembly - Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics - Subpoena and Enforcement Powers

This bill authorizes the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics to: (1) administer oaths; (2) issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses to testify or to produce evidence; and (3) cause the depositions of witnesses who live in or outside the State to be taken in the same manner for taking depositions in a civil case. A subpoena issued by the committee may be judicially enforced. Additionally, the bill provides that false swearing by a witness before the committee is perjury.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential increase in general fund expenditures for the services of private attorneys and court reporters if needed to conduct depositions.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

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