

Department of Legislative Services  
 Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1372 (Delegate Frush. *et al.*)

Judiciary

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Witnesses - Parent-Child Privilege

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This bill provides that a child and the child’s parent or guardian may not be compelled or, without consent of the other if living, allowed to disclose a confidential communication made by one to the other. The bill does not apply in a civil proceeding brought by one of the parties to the confidential communication against the other, or in a criminal proceeding for a crime committed by one of the parties to the confidential communication against the person or property of the other.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The evidentiary change is not expected to have a discernible effect on governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Office of the State’s Attorneys’ Coordinator, Department of Legislative Services

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