

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 983 (Delegate Pitkin. *et al.*)

Appropriations

State Personnel - Telecommuting Pilot Program

This bill requires the Governor to reestablish the Statewide Telecommuting Pilot Program to allow State employees to work at a location other than a State office through the use of telecommunications technology. The bill requires the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to reinstate any guidelines and policies previously adopted for the former pilot program. Participating agencies must provide telecommuting State employees with copies of relevant materials that are stored on computer disk.

DBM must submit a report by October 1, 1999 to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee concerning the effect of the pilot program within each selected agency. DBM must also notify the committees upon the selection of the State agencies that will participate in the pilot program.

This bill sunsets September 30, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: This bill's requirements could be handled within existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: DBM advises that it is currently operating a telecommuting pilot program with 100 participating employees from DBM, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Assessments and Taxation, the Department of the Environment, and the Maryland State Police. The program operates within DBM's with existing resources. Reinstating any guidelines previously established and adopting any necessary guidelines and policies as required by this bill could be handled with existing resources.

Providing telecommuting State employees with copies of relevant materials that are stored on computer disk could be handled by participating agencies with existing resources.

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