

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1083 (Delegate Redmer)
Judiciary

Child Abuse - Admission of Out of Court Statements

This bill provides that an out of court statement made by a child victim to a law enforcement officer may be admissible in a proceeding for certain child abuse offenses, if the statement was made to and is offered by the officer acting in the scope of the officer's profession when the statement was made. Under current law, an out of court statement made by a child victim to a licensed physician, licensed psychologist, licensed social worker, or teacher may be admissible under similar circumstances.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. This evidentiary change would not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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