

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 73 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee and Senator Forehand)
(Departmental - Children, Youth and Families)

Judicial Proceedings

Family Law - Child Abuse and Neglect - Notification of Out-of-State Agencies

This departmental bill requires a person to immediately notify a local department of social services or an “out-of-state agency” regarding suspected child abuse or neglect that did not take place in Maryland of a child that does not live in Maryland. A local department of social services or the appropriate law enforcement agency must notify an out-of-state agency in the jurisdiction where the suspected abuse or neglect occurred or where the child resides promptly after receiving a report of such abuse or neglect.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill codifies the Department of Human Resources’ existing practice regarding the notification of out-of-state agencies.

Local Effect: None. Notification by law enforcement agencies could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: The Office for Children, Youth, and Families has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small businesses (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to this bill.)

Information Source(s): Department of Legislative Services, Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Human Resources, Department of State Police, Office for Children, Youth, and Families

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