

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 793 (Senator Conway, *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics - Rights of Accused Legislator

This bill provides that in an investigation undertaken by the Joint Ethics Committee of a legislator who is accused of violating the Maryland Public Ethics Law, the committee must allow the accused legislator to: (1) examine any information in the possession of the committee that has a bearing on the investigation; (2) know the identity of the accuser; (3) cross-examine the accuser; and (4) call any witness to provide information on the legislator's behalf.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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