

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Joint Resolution 4 (The President)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Special Study Commission on the Maryland Public Ethics Law

This joint resolution establishes a 15-member Special Study Commission on the Maryland Public Ethics Law. Members will be the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the House of Delegates, the co-chairmen of the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics, and nine members of the general public. The commission will study matters related to legislative ethics including: (1) the relationship of members of the General Assembly to outside entities; (2) the use of offices, staff, equipment, and resources provided to Senators and Delegates by the State; (3) conflicts of interest and the disclosure of interests; and (4) the authority and powers of the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The commission must issue a report of its findings and any recommendations for legislation to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House by February 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Compliance with this joint resolution could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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