

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 376 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)
(Departmental - State Ethics Commission)

Commerce and Government Matters

Confidentiality and Notice Requirements - Lobbyist Reports

This departmental bill expands the notification and confidentiality procedures of the State Ethics Commission to apply to all lobbyist reports that name public officials or employees. If an official or employee is named in any lobbyist report, the Ethics Commission must notify the official or employee within 30 days of the receipt of the report. The Ethics Commission must keep the report confidential for 60 days after the receipt of the report. Under current law this procedure is required only for reports detailing gifts made to officials and employees with a value of over \$75.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill codifies existing practice.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The State Ethics Commission has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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