

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 236 (Senator Bromwell. *et al.*)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**English Language - Formal Recognition**

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The bill establishes English as the official language of the State. The bill requires State and local governments to write and publish each official document in English and conduct each meeting and other official oral communication in English. The bill authorizes State and local governments to conduct their affairs in a language other than English under specified circumstances.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Establishing English as the official State language would not impact State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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