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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 640 (Senator Bromwell, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Sexual Offenses - Polygraph Examination of Victims - Prohibited

This bill prohibits a State's Attorney or law enforcement officer from requesting or requiring that an alleged victim of a sexual offense submit to a polygraph examination. The prohibition does not apply if the victim requests to take a polygraph examination or has previously made a false statement or report regarding a sexual offense.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. It is believed that the bill would apply in a limited number of cases, because rape victims are not often required to submit to polygraph examinations. Governmental finances should not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office, Department of Legislative Services

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