

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
1999 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1001 (Delegate K. Kelly)

Judiciary

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**Estates and Trusts - Personal Representative - Compensation for Expenses**

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This bill provides that compensation for expenses incurred by a personal representative directly relating to performing services for an estate, including telephone charges, postage, reproduction of documents, travel, lodging, and transportation costs, shall be charged against the principal of the estate. When a personal representative seeks to be compensated for these expenses, the personal representative must give written notice of the compensation request to each creditor who has filed a claim against the estate which is still open and to any other interested persons.

The compensation for these expenses is in addition to the commission the personal representative may receive through the Orphan's Court.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Because these additional expenses would be charged against the principal of the estate, inheritance and estate distributions and taxes would decrease. Any such decrease in general fund revenues is assumed to be minimal.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Information Source(s):** Comptroller of the Treasury (Bureau of Revenue Estimates),  
Registers of Wills

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