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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 225 (Senator Ruben)

Judicial Proceedings

Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Rendering of Judicial Decisions - Time Limitation

This bill requires a judge to render a decision in a case within 6 months from the date the case was argued or submitted.

The bill applies only to cases argued before, or submitted to, the court on or after the bill's October 1, 1999 effective date.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The change might cause individual judges to alter the way they handle their workloads, but it is not expected to directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Additional Comments: This bill could have indirect fiscal effects in that legal matters involving governmental units and small businesses could be resolved more quickly as a result of the bill. This could have a significant positive or negative impact on a governmental unit or small business, depending on the nature of the case.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (District Court of Maryland, Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

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