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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 407 (Senators Forehand and Conway)

Judicial Proceedings

Domestic Violence - Orders for Protection - Additional Relief

This bill authorizes a court, in a temporary ex parte processing for relief from abuse, to order the respondent to surrender any owned or possessed firearms. A court may also order a law enforcement officer to conduct a search of the respondent and any location where the court has reasonable grounds to believe that a firearm owned or possessed by the respondent is located, and seize any firearms located during the search.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Although the bill could result in additional workload as well as additional firearms to be stored by the State Police, it is expected that the requirements of the bill could be handled with existing resources and personnel.

Local Effect: None. Although the bill could result in additional workload as well as additional firearms to be stored by local law enforcement agencies, it is expected that the requirements of the bill could be handled with existing resources and personnel.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Department of State Police; Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Dorchester, Garrett, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Worcester Counties; Department of Legislative Services

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