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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1098 (Delegate Gettv)

Commerce and Government Matters

Task Force to Study Access to Public Records

This bill establishes a 15-member Task Force to Study Access to Public Records. Staffed by the Department of Legislative Services, the task force will study Maryland law concerning the collection, preservation, disclosure, and confidentiality of public records and documents, including the effect of electronic technology as it relates to public records. The task force must submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including a draft revision of the State Government Article dealing with access to public records, to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2000.

The bill is effective July 1, 1999 and sunsets on December 31, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal. Task force members would be reimbursed for expenses under the standard State travel regulations. Any such expenditures would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the task force's meetings. Expenses are assumed to be minimal and able to be handled with existing budgeted resources of the governmental entities represented on the task force. The Department of Legislative Services could staff the task force with existing personnel.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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