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Maryland General Assembly  
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 29 (Delegate Hixson)

Commerce and Government Matters

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Advisory Commission on Internet Privacy

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This bill establishes a 14-member Advisory Commission on Internet Privacy to: (1) investigate the extent to which on-line consumer privacy should be protected; (2) discuss limits on disclosure by internet service providers and on-line services of personally identifiable information; and (3) investigate ways to protect expectations of privacy in light of technological development. Although the bill does not permit compensation for members, it does entitle the members to expense reimbursement. Before January 1, 2000 the commission must submit a report and recommendations on internet privacy to the Governor and the General Assembly.

The bill is effective June 1, 1999 and sunsets on January 1, 2000.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Expense reimbursements and printing costs could total \$2,250 in FY 2000.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Effect:** Task force members would be reimbursed for expenses under the standard State travel regulations. Expense reimbursements and printing costs could total \$2,250 in fiscal 2000 for the Governor's Office. Although the bill does not contain a staff support provision, either the Department of Legislative Services or the Governor's Office could staff

the task force with existing personnel.

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