

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 449 (Delegates K. Kelly and Vallario)

Judiciary

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**Local Government Tort Claims Act - Interest on Judgement**

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This bill provides that the monetary limits on liability for local government tort claims do not include interest accrued on a judgement. The current limits are \$200,000 for an individual claim and \$500,000 for total claims that arise from the same occurrence.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Potential indeterminate expenditure increase. No effect on revenues.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Effect:** Under the bill, local governments would be liable for paying interest beyond the monetary limits for judgements arising out of tort claims. Local governments that pay judgements in a timely manner would be unaffected by the bill. Conversely, expenditures would increase if a local government failed to pay a judgement on time. Any expenditure increase cannot be determined at this time. Montgomery County advises that it has very few claims that reach the current monetary limits. It is thus assumed that any potential expenditure increase would be minimal.

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**Information Source(s):** Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Department of Legislative Services

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