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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 749 (Delegate Montague, *et al.*)

Judiciary

Criminal Procedure - Presentence Investigations - Community Impact Statements

This bill allows community associations to submit community impact statements in criminal cases. A community impact statement must include an itemization of any economic loss sustained, an identification of any physical injury suffered, and a description of any effects on the community resulting from the offense. The court may consider the community impact statement in determining the appropriate sentence or disposition of the case.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: This bill could cause courts to become more informed about the losses sustained by community associations that are victims of crime. Consequently, courts could impose more sentences that include provisions benefitting community associations, such as restitution and community service.

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