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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 233 (Senator Baker)

Judicial Proceedings

Maryland Legal Services Corporation - Use of Grant Funds

This bill prohibits grantees of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) from using grant funds to provide legal assistance or support the provision of legal assistance with respect to any case in which the grantee is providing representation under a procurement contract with a unit of State government awarded through a competitive bidding process.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill codifies existing practice.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: This issue is not currently addressed in statute.

Background: The MLSC was established by the General Assembly in 1982 to receive and distribute funds to nonprofit grantees that provide legal assistance to eligible clients in civil matters.

State Fiscal Effect: The bill codifies the current policy of the MLSC that its funds should not be used for cases in which the State is paying for civil legal services; e.g., under a contract to provide representation to children in Children in Need of Assistance (CINA) cases, prisoners, or disabled adults.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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