

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2000 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1269 (Delegates Rosenberg and Oaks)

Environmental Matters and Economic Matters

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**Task Force on Health Care and the Internet**

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The bill establishes an 11-member Task Force on Health Care and the Internet to: (1) study and make recommendations concerning the emerging role of Internet-related health care activities; (2) study issues relating to protecting the privacy of medical records in electronic form; (3) recommend security standards for the transmission of electronic records; and (4) assist public and private sector institutions comply with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) is to provide staff support for the task force.

The task force shall submit a preliminary report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2000, and a final report by December 31, 2001.

The bill is effective July 1, 2000.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for DHMH are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** None applicable.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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