# **Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly 2001 Session

### FISCAL NOTE Revised

Senate Bill 876 (Senator Bromwell)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

**Environmental Matters** 

#### **Recognition of American Sign Language**

This bill identifies individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing as a cultural minority with specialized communication needs, and establishes that American Sign Language is a recognized form of communication and a fully developed language for such individuals.

## **Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

### **Analysis**

**Current Law:** None applicable.

#### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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