

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2002 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1165

(Delegate Burns, *et al.*)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

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**Court of Special Appeals - Sessions - Location**

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This bill authorizes the Court of Special Appeals to hold its sessions at the University of Maryland at Baltimore and the University of Baltimore as designated by the Chief Judge of the Court of Special Appeals in conjunction with the deans of the schools of law at the University of Maryland and University of Baltimore.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** This bill is not expected to have any material impact on governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Court of Appeals may hold its sessions only in the city of Annapolis.

**Background:** House Bill 276 of 1998 would have authorized the Court of Special Appeals to hold its sessions at locations outside of Annapolis. The Court of Special Appeals advised that it wanted to have the ability to hold sessions at law schools and other sites outside of Annapolis, so that law students and citizens could observe more conveniently its proceedings. House Bill 276 received an unfavorable report from the Judiciary Committee.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** A similar bill (as discussed above) was introduced in 1998 as House Bill 276 and received an unfavorable report from the Judiciary Committee.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

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