

**Department of Legislative Services**

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**FISCAL NOTE**

**Revised**

Senate Bill 498 (Senator Hoffman) (Department of Legislative Services)

Budget and Taxation

Commerce and Government Matters

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**Local Governments - Financial Reports - Submission Date**

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This bill authorizes counties, municipal corporations, and taxing districts in the State with a population in excess of 400,000 to submit its annual financial report to the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) by the first day in January following the end of the fiscal year. The bill also extends the due date for counties, municipal corporations, or taxing districts with a population in excess of 400,000 to submit a comprehensive report on the jurisdiction's financial condition to DLS from 120 to 180 days following the end of a fiscal year.

The bill is effective July 1, 2002.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Altering the due date for certain financial reports would not affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** Altering the due date for certain financial reports would not affect local finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Counties, incorporated cities or towns, and taxing districts must file a financial report covering the full period of the previous fiscal year by November 1 to DLS. A political subdivision of the State that is authorized to incur debt to be redeemed

from a fee, charge, or the proceeds of a levy must submit a comprehensive report on the financial condition of the subdivision as of the end of that fiscal year to the department within 120 days. The annual financial reports must be properly filed on forms established by DLS and must be verified by the chief executive officer of each jurisdiction. The fiscal year for counties, municipalities, and taxing districts is July 1 through June 30.

**Background:** The annual financial report due to DLS is commonly known as the Uniform Financial Report. The Uniform Financial Report is due to DLS by November 1 of each year. It has been common practice for DLS to grant a 60-day extension of the annual financial report and the indebtedness report upon receipt of a reasonable request. Historically, Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties have requested the 60-day extension every year.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 742 (Delegate Wood) (Department of Legislative Services) – Commerce and Government Matters.

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