

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2018 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 540

(Senator Edwards)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Environment and Transportation

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**Garrett County - Bids and Contracts**

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This bill increases, from \$15,000 to \$25,000, the threshold amount of specified contracts of sale or purchase entered into by the Garrett County Commissioners or a county employee above which the county is required to advertise for bids.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Garrett County administrative expenditures decrease beginning in FY 2019. County revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Garrett County Commissioners, or any employee of Garrett County, are prohibited from entering into any contract of sale or purchase to which the county is a party where the amount involved under the contract exceeds \$15,000 without advertising for bids in one or more newspapers circulated in the county, except under specified circumstances.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Garrett County advertising and administrative expenditures will decrease beginning in fiscal 2019 as a result of having to advertise fewer contract bids in local newspapers. The amount of the decrease in any year will depend on the number of contract bids that must be advertised each year.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Garrett County; Department of Legislative Services

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