

HOUSE BILL 927

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Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2025

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly – Fiscal Notes – Impact of Reduction in Health and**
3 **Community Support Services**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that the fiscal note for a bill that reduces health and
5 community support services funded by the Maryland Department of Health include
6 a certain estimate, assessment, and evaluation of the financial impact as a result of
7 the reduction of services; and generally relating to fiscal notes.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – State Government
10 Section 2–1505(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – State Government
15 Section 2–1505(e)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – State Government**

21 2–1505.

22 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a committee may not vote on a
23 bill unless:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(1) a fiscal note accompanies the bill; and

(2) if the bill affects the funding of a State pension system, an actuarial analysis of the bill is attached to or summarized in the note or the analysis is waived.

(e) (1) A fiscal note for a bill shall contain an estimate of the fiscal impact of the bill on the revenues and expenditures of the State government and of local governments:

(i) during the year in which the bill is to become effective and the next 4 years after that year; and

(ii) if the full fiscal impact of a bill is not expected to occur during those years, during each year until and the first year during which that impact is expected to occur.

(2) If a bill, as introduced or amended, imposes a mandate on a local government unit, the fiscal note for the bill shall contain:

(i) a statement that clearly identifies the imposition of the mandate; and

(ii) an estimate of the fiscal impact of the mandate and, if applicable and if data is available, the effect on local property tax rates.

(3) If a bill, as introduced or amended, requires a mandated appropriation, the fiscal note for the bill shall contain:

(i) a statement that clearly identifies the imposition of the mandated appropriation; and

(ii) an estimate of the fiscal impact of the mandated appropriation.

(4) IF A BILL, AS INTRODUCED OR AMENDED, REDUCES HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES FUNDED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE FISCAL NOTE FOR THE BILL SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) AN ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL LOSE SERVICES AS A RESULT OF THE REDUCTION, AGGREGATED BY JURISDICTION;

(II) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THE LOSS OF SERVICES ON THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES; AND

(III) AN EVALUATION OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES COSTS TO THE STATE AS A RESULT OF THE REDUCTION IN SERVICES.

1 **[(4)] (5)** A fiscal note shall identify the sources of the information that the
2 Department used in preparing the estimates of fiscal impact.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2025.