

# SENATE BILL 867

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By: **Senators Ready, Carozza, and McKay**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly – Fiscal Notes – Family Impact Statements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the fiscal note for proposed legislation prepared by the  
4 Department of Legislative Services to include a family impact statement; prohibiting  
5 a committee from voting on a bill unless a family impact statement is attached to or  
6 included in the fiscal note; and generally relating to the family impact of proposed  
7 legislation.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – State Government  
10 Section 2–1505(a) and (e)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article – State Government  
15 Section 2–1505(c)(1) and (4)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 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:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) a fiscal note accompanies the bill; [and]

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

4 **(3) THE FAMILY IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION**  
5 **(E)(4) OF THIS SECTION IS ATTACHED TO OR INCLUDED IN THE NOTE.**

6 (c) (1) The Executive Director of the Department of Legislative Services shall  
7 have that Department prepare a fiscal note for each bill.

8 (4) The Department of Legislative Services shall send a copy of a fiscal note  
9 for a bill to the committee to which the bill is referred and to the primary sponsor of the  
10 bill.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 **(4) A FISCAL NOTE FOR A BILL SHALL INCLUDE A FAMILY IMPACT**  
31 **STATEMENT:**

1                   **(I) INDICATING WHETHER THE BILL MAY OR WILL HAVE AN**  
2 **IMPACT ON FAMILIES IN THE STATE; AND**

3                   **(II) IF THE BILL MAY OR WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON FAMILIES IN**  
4 **THE STATE, SPECIFYING THE TYPE AND CATEGORY OF IMPACT, INCLUDING**  
5 **INFLUENCE ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY STABILITY, MARRIAGE PROMOTION, AND**  
6 **FAMILY WELFARE.**

7                   **[(4)] (5)** A fiscal note shall identify the sources of the information that the  
8 Department used in preparing the estimates of fiscal impact.

9                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2024.