

## Article - State Government

2-1501.

(A) In this Part I of this subtitle [,] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) ["bill"] "BILL" includes a joint resolution.

(C) "MANDATE" MEANS A DIRECTIVE IN A BILL REQUIRING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT TO PERFORM A TASK OR ASSUME A RESPONSIBILITY THAT HAS A DISCERNIBLE FISCAL IMPACT ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT.

2-1504.

(A) For each regular or special session of the General Assembly, the Department of Legislative Reference shall prepare and distribute, in serial order:

- (1) a synopsis of each Senate bill that is introduced; and
- (2) a synopsis of each House bill that is introduced.

(B) (1) IF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE DETERMINES THAT A BILL IMPOSES A MANDATE ON A LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, THE SYNOPSIS SHALL INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT "THIS BILL IMPOSES A MANDATE ON A LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT."

(2) IN DETERMINING IF A BILL IMPOSES A MANDATE ON A LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE MAY SEEK ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL SERVICES.

2-1505.

(d) (1) Upon request of the Department of Fiscal Services, a unit of State or local government promptly shall provide any information requested by the Department for preparing a fiscal note.

~~(2) IF A BILL SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION OR BY A DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR COMMISSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT HAS A FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL SERVICES WITHIN 5 DAYS OF THE BILL'S INTRODUCTION A STATEMENT OF THE FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, INCLUDING THE IMPACT ON PROPERTY TAX RATES IF APPLICABLE AND IF DATA IS AVAILABLE.~~

(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