

Article – State Government
Section 2-1501, 2-1504, and 2-1505(d) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1993 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 2-1505(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY adding to

Article – State Government
Section 2-1505(j)
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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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.