

(2) Each bill that is sent under this subsection shall be considered as filed for introduction.

2-1504. Synopses of bills.

(a) For each regular or special session of the General Assembly, the Department of Legislative [Reference] SERVICES 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. Fiscal notes and waivers.

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

- (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.

(b) (1) If a bill affects the funding of a State pension system and the standing committee to which the bill is referred determines that the fiscal impact on the State warrants an actuarial analysis of the bill, the standing committee shall ask the Department of [Fiscal] LEGISLATIVE Services to obtain the actuarial analysis.

(2) The standing committee may waive the actuarial analysis if the standing committee certifies that prompt action on the bill is needed to conduct legislative business.

(c) (1) The Director of the Department of [Fiscal] LEGISLATIVE Services shall have that Department prepare a fiscal note for each bill.

(2) If the chairman of the committee to which a bill is referred certifies that prompt committee action on the bill is needed to conduct legislative business and, before the Department prepares the fiscal note for the bill, holds a hearing on the bill, the Department shall prepare the note as soon after the hearing as possible.

(3) When a standing committee asks for an actuarial analysis of a bill that affects a State pension system, the Department of [Fiscal] LEGISLATIVE Services shall:

- (i) obtain the analysis; and
- (ii) summarize the analysis in the fiscal note or attach the analysis to the note.