



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 320

Committee: Fiscal Responsibility and
Economic Development

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House Bill 320 as reported by the Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development would increase the obligations of the Department of Finance, by an undetermined amount, to establish and maintain a centralized website or digital platform to provide publicly accessible notice of advertisements for sealed bids. However, this increased obligation could be offset, partly, by fees collected from awarding authorities for the privilege of posting advertisements on the website. This could also increase or decrease the obligations of state and local governments by an undetermined amount dependent upon the difference in the cost of advertisement of certain sealed contract bids on the Department of Finance's centralized website, or website or digital version of a newspaper, as provided by this bill, and the cost of advertisement otherwise required under current law.

Additionally, this bill would create the 12-member Study Commission of Public Notice of Title 39 Advertisements to study and make recommendations regarding the establishment, maintenance, use, accessibility and promotion of the centralized website. This bill would authorize members of the Commission to be reimbursed for necessary expenses associated with attending meetings, which could increase the obligations of the various authorities of the members by an undetermined amount dependent upon the extent to which members attend meetings in person.