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Measure Description:

Establishes Public Records Advocate as independent office within executive department.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Secretary of State (SOS), Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Public Records Advocate (PRA)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on General Government and Emergency Preparedness to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure establishes the office of the Public Records Advocate as an independent office in the executive department of state government. The Public Records Advocate is changed from unclassified to exempt service. Instead of the Governor, the Public Records Advisory Council shall appoint the Public Records Advocate. The Council is permitted to support or oppose legislation relating to public records law and to request that one or more legislators introduce legislation relating to public records law. The measure makes various changes to the membership of the Public Records Advisory Council, including that the Public Records Advocate is no longer required to serve as the Council chair. The Public Records Advocate shall serve as the custodian of all the Council records. The measure ratifies and affirms any actions taken by the Council to recruit and appoint the Public Records Advocate prior to its effective date. It takes effect on passage.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on the Secretary of State, the Department of Administrative Services, and the Public Records Advocate.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required