

SB 355 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Prozanski

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/03/23

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Gelser Blouin, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/23, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs a public university to annually make available on the university's website a report describing the university's use of outside counsel for legal matters. Removes the requirement for a public university to report to the Attorney General on same.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Appropriate process for transparency
- Retains exceptions for confidential information
- Information is already published in general counsel reports every year
- Include measures to show they are receiving good value for those services

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 355 A directs a public university to annually make available on the university's website a report describing the university's use of outside counsel for legal matters and removes the requirement for a public university to report to the Attorney General on same.