

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE BUDGET**

BILL NUMBER: 66-26

INTRO. DATE: July 20, 2026

FISCAL NOTE

BILL: Public Ethics – Enforcement – County Council

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

This bill authorizes the Ethics Commission to impose civil penalties for violations of the County Public Ethics Article. The maximum fine is \$5,000 per violation. Each day that a violation continues is a separate violation, except that the total penalty arising from the same transaction or occurrence may not exceed \$5,000. The bill also empowers the Commission to approve consent orders to resolve complaints; consider and grant waivers or reductions of penalties; and to petition the Circuit Court to enforce unpaid penalties.

FISCAL IMPACT

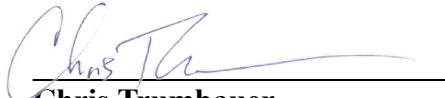
Operating Budget – Personal Services: No effect. This bill will not affect staffing requirements.

Operating Budget – Other Operating Costs: None.

Capital Budget: No effect.

Revenues: Indeterminate but negligible increase. The amount of increased fine revenue will be determined by the number of penalties the Commission issues and their amounts. The total amount of revenue increase is expected to be minimal.

Indirect and future fiscal effects: None.


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