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Judiciary

(Delegate Valentino-Smith, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Division of Parole and Probation - Pre-Parole Investigations for Inmates of Local
Facilities

This bill requires the Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) to complete and deliver a pre-parole investigation of an inmate in a local correctional facility to the Maryland Parole Commission within 60 days of commitment.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements can be handled with the existing budgeted resources of DPP.

Local Effect: The bill may provide some operational efficiencies for local detention centers, but only to the extent that the results of pre-parole investigations are not now completed within 60 days. This may vary by jurisdiction.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: DPP conducts pre-parole investigations for local detention center detainees upon the request of the Maryland Parole Commission.

For inmates in State correctional facilities, the Division of Correction provides the Maryland Parole Commission with a "suspense file" as part of the intake process. The suspense file includes copies of court commitments, criminal history, and any other information about the crime that was sent with the inmate.

There is no central database of information for offenders incarcerated in local detention centers. Each local detention center provides copies of commitments for parole eligible inmates to the DPP office in that county. Agents are assigned to complete a pre-parole investigation. This investigation provides pertinent information about the offense, criminal history, and the offender. The investigation is to be completed within 30 days of receipt of the court commitment. The results of the completed investigations are then mailed or hand delivered to the Maryland Parole Commission.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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