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Senate Bill 181

(Senator Simonaire)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
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**Task Force to Study Data Sharing Among the Maryland Judiciary, the Maryland Parole Commission, and the Department of Natural Resources**

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This bill establishes a Task Force to Study Data Sharing Among the Maryland Judiciary, the Maryland Parole Commission, and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The task force is staffed by DNR and must report its findings and recommendations to specified legislative committees by December 31, 2018.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2017, and terminates May 31, 2019.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for DNR are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** The task force must:

- review the current process for data sharing among the Maryland Judiciary, the Maryland Parole Commission, and DNR;
- identify ways to improve the sharing of data regarding conditions of sentencing, probation, parole, or mandatory release supervision with DNR;

- identify procedures and measures that can be established for sharing data from the Natural Resources Police (NRP) with the Maryland Judiciary for use in determining conditions of sentencing, probation, parole, or mandatory release supervision;
- examine methods for establishing a multi-agency numbering system that would apply to (1) hunting and fishing activities and (2) vessel operations and registration;
- examine data sharing under the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact and mechanisms for coordinating seamlessly between agencies; and
- make recommendations regarding ways to improve data sharing among the Maryland Judiciary, the Maryland Parole Commission, and DNR.

Task force members may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses.

**Current Law/Background:** NRP, within DNR, has statewide authority to enforce conservation, boating, and criminal laws. NRP's responsibilities include (1) providing maritime and rural search and rescue services; (2) providing public education in hunting, boating, and water safety; (3) providing primary law enforcement services for State parks, State forests, wildlife management areas, and public lands owned and managed by the department; and (4) serving as the lead agency for maritime homeland security on State waterways.

Courts have specified authority to impose conditions in connection with sentencing or probation. Parole entitles a recipient to leave the correctional facility in which the recipient was confined and, if the recipient complies with the terms and conditions in the parole order, to serve the remainder of the recipient's term of confinement outside the confines of the correctional facility. Similarly, an individual on mandatory supervision remains in legal custody until the expiration of the individual's full term and is subject to all laws, rules, regulations, and conditions that apply to parolees and any special conditions established by a member of the Maryland Parole Commission.

The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (referenced in the bill), of which Maryland is a member, promotes compliance with laws and regulations relating to management of wildlife resources in member states (including fishing, hunting, and trapping).

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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