Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Joint Resolution 1 (Delegate Fulton) Judiciary

Joint Federal-State Jails Task Force - To Study Use of Excess Federal Property

This joint resolution requests the Legislative Policy Committee to create a 20-member Joint Federal-State Jails Task Force to study the use of excess federal property by the State for jail purposes. The Joint Federal-State Relations Committee of the General Assembly must provide the necessary staff.

The task force must submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 15, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal effect on general fund expenditures, as discussed below. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Since a joint resolution is an expression of legislative intent only, compliance is not required and expenditures/revenues are not directly affected. Should the terms of this joint resolution be complied with, however, general fund expenditures could increase minimally. Task force members would serve without compensation, but the State legislators would be reimbursed for expenses under the standard State travel regulations. Any such expenditures would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the task force's meetings. Expenses are assumed to be minimal and able to be handled with existing resources. Likewise, staff could be provided with existing budgeted resources.

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