

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 171 (Senator Hoffman)  
Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Judiciary

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**Parole - Inmates - Diminution Credits**

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This enrolled bill prohibits use of diminution of sentence credits from a prior incarceration from being applied to a sentence for a crime committed while on parole.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Indeterminate but potentially significant increase in general fund expenditures; no effect on revenues.

**Local Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** General fund expenditures could increase as a result of people being incarcerated in a Division of Correction (DOC) facility for longer periods of time.

The Department of Fiscal Services advises that DOC data systems do not adequately track the reason that parolees are reincarcerated. While there were approximately 1,000 offenders reincarcerated due to revocation of parole in 1995, DOC estimates that 800 were reincarcerated for new offenses. This bill would increase the length of stay for some of those offenders. Any such increase would depend upon the number of parolees who are reincarcerated and the length of their sentences and cannot be reliably estimated at this time. The increase in future years could be significant.

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