

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 214 (Senator Kelley, et al.)

Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Judiciary

**Crimes - Wearing of Bulletproof Body Armor in the
Commission of a Crime of Violence**

This enrolled bill makes wearing bulletproof body armor while committing a violent crime a separate misdemeanor, punishable by a \$5,000 fine, five years in prison, or both.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate increase in general fund expenditures resulting from the bill's penalty provision. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: Indeterminate effect on revenues resulting from the bill's penalty provision. No effect on expenditures.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: General fund expenditures could increase as a result of the bill's additional incarceration penalty due to people being committed to a Division of Correction (DOC) facility for longer periods of time, depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed.

Persons serving a sentence longer than one year are incarcerated in a DOC facility. In fiscal 1997 the average monthly cost per inmate is estimated at \$1,400. For illustrative purposes, a person who receives the maximum penalty under this bill would be expected to serve 30 months. At an average monthly cost of \$1,400, general fund expenditures could increase by \$42,000 for each person sentenced under this bill. Any such increase would be reduced to the extent that the sentence is concurrent to the sentence for the underlying crime and to the extent a sentence less than the maximum is imposed.

Local Revenues: Revenues could increase under the bill's additional monetary penalty

provision, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed. Any such increase is assumed to be minimal.

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