

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 264 (Senator Madden)  
Judicial Proceedings

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Crimes of Violence - Pretrial Release

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This bill prohibits a District Court Commissioner from granting pretrial release to a person charged with a violent offense.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in general fund expenditures. No effect on revenues.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in expenditures. No effect on revenues.

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Expenditures:** General fund expenditures could increase if detainees are held for longer periods of time in the Central Booking and Intake Facility or the Baltimore City Detention Center (BCDC), where people arrested in Baltimore City are held pending a decision on pretrial release. The BCDC per diem cost for fiscal 1997 is estimated at \$43 per inmate. Any increase is expected to be minimal, as District Court Commissioners typically do not grant these detainees pretrial release.

**Local Expenditures:** Expenditures could increase if detainees are held for longer periods of time in county detention centers, where people arrested in the counties are held pending a decision on pretrial release. Per diem operating costs of local detention facilities are expected to range from \$22 to \$108 per inmate in fiscal 1997. Any increase is expected to be minimal, as District Court Commissioners typically do not grant these detainees pretrial release.

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