

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 335 (Delegate Grosfeld, et al.)
Judiciary

Domestic Violence - Penalties

This bill subjects persons who willfully fail to complete counseling or a domestic violence program ordered under existing household violence provisions of the Family Law Article to the same penalties as persons who violate related ex parte or protective orders.

The applicable penalties are a maximum fine of \$500 and/or imprisonment of up to 90 days.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate increase in general fund revenues due to the applicable monetary penalty provision. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: Indeterminate increase in expenditures due to the applicable incarceration penalty provision. Revenues would not be affected.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: General fund revenues could increase under the applicable monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the District Court, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

Local Expenditures: Expenditures could increase as a result of the applicable incarceration penalty depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed. Counties pay the full cost of incarceration for people in their facilities for the first 90 days of the sentence. Per diem operating costs of local detention facilities are expected to range from \$22 to \$108 per inmate in fiscal 1997.

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