

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 376 (Delegate C. Davis)  
Judiciary

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**Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services -  
Commission on Recidivism and Solutions to Crime**

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This bill establishes a 12-member Commission on Recidivism and Solution to Crime as an agency of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS). The commission is to report on crimes committed by repeat offenders, identify causes of recidivism, and develop strategies to reduce recidivism.

The commission is required to issue a report annually.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources, as discussed below.

**Local Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** Commission members would be eligible for expense reimbursements according to the standard State travel regulations. Expense reimbursements would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the commission's meetings. It is expected that reimbursements for the nine governmental members could be handled with the existing resources of the governmental agencies represented on the commission. Likewise, reimbursements for the three non-governmental members could be handled with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Service's existing resources.

The department is also required to provide clerical and administrative support to the commission and to comply with any inquires. It is assumed that this responsibility could be handled with the department's existing resources.

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