

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 128 (Senator Haines)
Judicial Proceedings

Crimes - Robbery - Mandatory Minimum Sentencing

This bill increases the mandatory minimum incarceration penalty for robbery or accessory to robbery from not less than three years to not less than five years. The monetary penalty and the maximum incarceration penalty remain the same.

The bill applies prospectively only.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal effect on expenditures as discussed below. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The average sentence length for robbery is 67 months under current law meaning that offenders are currently sentenced to more time than the proposed mandatory minimum. If the bill results in a change in sentencing trends, the bill's effect on general fund expenditures is expected to be minimal.

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