

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 199 (Senator Forehand)
Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Judiciary

Fire and Emergency Services Personnel - Interference or Obstruction

This enrolled bill prohibits a person from interfering with or obstructing fire and emergency services personnel while dispatched on a call for emergency service.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund expenditures due to the applicable penalty provision. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in expenditures due to applicable penalty provisions. No effect on revenues.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: General fund expenditures could increase as a result of the applicable incarceration penalty (up to three years imprisonment) due to more people being committed to a Division of Correction (DOC) facility and increased payments to counties for reimbursement of inmate costs, depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed. There is no data to determine how many additional commitments could result from this bill.

Persons serving a sentence longer than 12 months are incarcerated in a DOC facility. In fiscal 1997 the average monthly cost per inmate is estimated at \$1,400.

Persons serving a sentence of 12 months or less are sentenced to a local detention facility. The State reimburses counties for part of their per diem rate after a person has served 90 days. State per diem reimbursements for fiscal 1997 are estimated to range from \$10 to \$48 per inmate depending upon the jurisdiction. Persons sentenced in Baltimore City are

incarcerated in the Baltimore City Detention Center (BCDC), a State operated facility. The per diem cost for fiscal 1997 is estimated at \$43 per inmate.

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, plus part of the per diem cost after 90 days. Per diem operating costs of local detention facilities are expected to range from \$19 to \$96 per inmate in fiscal 1997.

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