

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 410 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee)

(Departmental - Public Safety and Correctional Services)

Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Commerce and Government Matters

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**Economy and Efficiency - Organization and Responsibilities of the Department of  
Public Safety and Correctional Services**

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This enrolled departmental bill authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) to reorganize the department in order to increase efficiency and economy. An action by the Secretary under these provisions may include the transfer, assignment, or reassignment of any function, activity, or staff, together with associated funds and equipment, within the department. The involuntary transfer or reassignment of certain employees to a new work site is limited, as specified.

The bill provides for changes in a unit's name due to such transfers of responsibilities. DPSCS must submit legislation during the next session of the General Assembly to make any necessary conforming changes to the Annotated Code.

The bill also specifies that the Correctional Training Commission and the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards are within DPSCS. An individual in a State correctional institution, on parole, or on mandatory supervision may have their custody assigned to a DPSCS employee who has proper certification from the Correctional Training Commission, upon approval of the Secretary. The bill does not affect the Maryland Parole Commission or the State Fire Marshall's office.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. (See below.)

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

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## Fiscal Analysis

**State Effect:** Any effect on the DPSCS's finances depends on the specifics of any reorganization plan. The Department of Fiscal Services advises that little detail has yet been provided to accompany the general framework for any reorganization. In any event, transfers, assignments, or reassignments arising as a result of this bill, or current or future reorganization plans, would still be subject to the normal budgetary processes.

DPSCS has indicated that future organizational changes are likely to impact such areas as general administration, admissions, incarceration, and community supervision. These changes may be substantial. Fiscal Services has already recommended that DPSCS brief the budget committees on any reorganization prior to requesting any additional executive pay plan increases.

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