

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 593 (Delegate M. Burns, *et al.*)

Judiciary

Division of Parole and Probation - Release of Information

This bill requires the Division of Parole and Probation to maintain a list of all individuals currently under the division's jurisdiction who are on parole, mandatory supervision, or home detention. The list must be updated once every three months and contain the following information for each individual: (1) name, including aliases; (2) current address; and (3) the crime for which the person was convicted.

The bill allows a person to request information from the division concerning the name and other information relating to all individuals residing in a specific Zip Code. The division is required to release such information upon request. The division is required to adopt regulations to carry out these requirements.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by approximately \$20,000 in FY 1998 only as discussed below. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal effect on small businesses as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The Data Services Division of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services reports that the information required to be tracked by this bill would necessitate a new computer program. Due to other pending reprogramming needs, it is anticipated that these one-time programming needs for fiscal 1998 would be contracted out at a cost of approximately \$20,000.

Small Business Effect: The software design needs arising from this bill could not be done

by the Data Services Division, due to other pending reprogramming needs, it is assumed that this work would be contracted out. If a small business were successful in securing that contract, it could have a meaningful effect on that business alone. But because the amount of the contract is relatively small, the impact on the data processing services industry would be negligible.

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