

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 3 (Senator Green, *et al.*)
Judicial Proceedings

False Statements to Legislative Branch Units

This bill provides that any person who knowingly and willfully makes false statements to a unit of the General Assembly during a hearing or other proceeding that is required to be recorded by the rules of the House or Senate is guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000, imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues and expenditures due to the bill's penalty provisions.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in revenues and expenditures due to the bill's penalty provisions.

Small Business Effect: None. This bill would not directly affect small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: General fund revenues could increase under the bill's monetary penalty provisions for those cases heard in the District Court, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

State Expenditures: General fund expenditures could increase as a result of the bill's incarceration penalty due to more people being committed to the Baltimore City Detention Center and increased payments to counties for reimbursement of inmate costs, depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed.

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 1998 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, a State operated facility. The per diem cost for fiscal 1998 is estimated at \$43 per inmate.

Local Revenues: Revenues could increase under the bill's monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the circuit courts, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

Local Expenditures: Expenditures could increase as a result of the bill's 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 1998.

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