

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 613 (Senator Collins)
Judicial Proceedings

Patuxent Institution - Parole - Victims' Rights

This bill grants victims of violent crimes the right to present oral testimony at a parole release hearing of an inmate confined at the Patuxent Institution. The Patuxent Institution's Board of Review must consider the victim's oral testimony when determining whether an inmate is suitable for release on parole.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate. The extent to which this bill could affect the outcome of parole reviews by the Patuxent Institution's Board of Review, and result in a measurable fiscal impact on State incarcerations and/or paroles, is unknown. Allowing oral testimony from the victims of violent crimes could be handled with existing resources of the institution.

Local Effect: None.

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

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