

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 324 (Delegates C. Mitchell and Branch)  
Judiciary

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**Baltimore City - Pretrial Detention and Release**

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This bill requires that persons detained in Baltimore City be released within five hours of the time they are ordered released on personal recognizance or the time bail or bond has been posted.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The Division of Pretrial Detention and Services should be able to handle the requirements of this bill with existing budgeted resources. Pretrial detainees in Baltimore City are currently being released, on average, within one hour and 23 minutes after review of release issues by the District Court Commissioner.

**Local Effect:** None.

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

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