

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1464 (Delegate Watson, *et al.*)  
Judiciary

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Commission on Zero Tolerance

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This bill establishes a 15-member Commission on Zero Tolerance to examine the possible factors contributing to the overall increase in “criminal activity delinquent behavior” in the State and make recommendations for how best to address the factors contributing to the increasing rate of crime and juvenile delinquent behavior. The members will serve without compensation. The commission must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by September 30, 1998 and the commission will terminate at that time.

The bill takes effect June 1, 1997.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None, as discussed below.

**Local Effect:** None.

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

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Expenditures:** It is assumed that members of the commission would be eligible for reimbursement of expenses according to the standard State travel regulations and that staff support would be provided by the Office of the Governor. The Office of the Governor advises that expenditures could increase by \$25,913 in fiscal 1998 and \$6,478 in fiscal 1999 due to food and travel costs and the cost of providing staff support for the commission. Fiscal Services advises that actual expense reimbursements would depend upon the frequency, time, and location of the commission’s meetings. In any event, it is expected that

any reimbursements for the governmental members could be handled with existing resources of the governmental entities represented on the task force. Likewise, reimbursements for the nine non-governmental members could be handled with the Office of the Governor's existing resources, as could staff support for the commission.

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