

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 604 (Senators Stone and Collins)
(Baltimore County Administration)

Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Judiciary

Child Sexual Offender - Registration Statements - Request for Copies

This amended bill clarifies that a local law enforcement agency is required to send one copy of each child sexual offender registration statement on record with that agency to a person making a written request. A local law enforcement agency is authorized to provide copies of such statements by electronic access on the Internet. Requests for copies of registration statements must contain specified information, and a local law enforcement agency must keep a record of all requests.

The bill also requires the Department of Fiscal Services to report to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee, by July 1, 1999, on: (1) the number of requests for registration statements received by local law enforcement agencies; and (2) the fiscal impact on those agencies of complying with the requests.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The study by the Department of Fiscal Services would involve an indeterminate number of staff days and would include costs for travel, communications, and publishing. Existing staff would have to be diverted from other duties involving services to the General Assembly to conduct such a study. Any costs, however, would be absorbed within Fiscal Services' FY 1998 and 1999 appropriations.

Local Effect: None. The requirements of this bill could be handled with the existing budgeted resources of local law enforcement agencies. It is assumed that the authorization for copies to be provided via the Internet would only be acted upon by an agency already on-line.

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

Information Source(s): Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Division of Parole and Probation, Parole Commission); Baltimore City; Washington County; Prince George's County; Worcester County; Department of Fiscal Services

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