

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 276 (Delegate Gordon, *et al.*)  
Judiciary

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Law Enforcement Officers - Powers

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This bill authorizes a police officer to detain a person in an area outside the officer's jurisdiction for a reasonable amount of time in order to transfer that person to the custody of a local law enforcement agency. Such actions may only take place under the same specified circumstances under current law that allow police officers to make arrests without warrants.

Police officers acting under the provisions of the bill must immediately notify a local law enforcement agency that a person has been detained. The local law enforcement agency must immediately arrest or release the person, as appropriate.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The requirements of the bill can be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the State Police or any other applicable State operated police force.

**Local Effect:** None. The requirements of the bill can be handled with the existing budgeted resources of local law enforcement agencies.

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

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**Information Source(s):** Department of State Police, Baltimore City, Prince George's

County, Washington County, Department of Fiscal Services

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