

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 876 (Senator McFadden)
Judicial Proceedings

**Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services - Commission on Recidivism
and Solutions to Crime**

This bill establishes a 15-member Commission on Recidivism and Solutions to Crime within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS). The commission will propose improved reporting methods to demonstrate the level and incidence of crimes; collect data on aftercare services; study the effects of sanction mechanisms, incentives, inmate job opportunities and job training programs, education completed during incarceration, and other factors related to recidivism; and recommend strategies to limit recidivism and new crimes. Members of the commission may not receive compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses. DPSCS must supply clerical and administrative support services to the commission. The commission must submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

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

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