

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 218 (Delegate Grosfeld, *et al.*)  
Judiciary

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**Domestic Violence - Penalties**

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This bill subjects persons who willfully fail to complete counseling or a domestic violence program ordered under existing household violence provisions of the Family Law Article to the same penalties as persons who violate related ex parte or protective orders.

The applicable penalties are a maximum fine of \$500 and/or imprisonment of up to 90 days.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Indeterminate increase in general fund revenues due to the applicable monetary penalty provision. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** Indeterminate increase in revenues and expenditures due to the applicable penalty provisions.

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

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Revenues:** General fund revenues could increase under the applicable monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the District Court, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

**Local Revenues:** Revenues could increase under the applicable monetary penalty provision for those cases heard in the circuit courts, depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

**Local Expenditures:** Expenditures could increase as a result of the applicable incarceration

penalty depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed. Counties pay the full cost of incarceration for people in their facilities for the first 90 days of the sentence. Per diem operating costs of local detention facilities are expected to range from \$23 to \$83 per inmate in fiscal 1998.

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