

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1178 (Delegate Nathan-Pulliam, *et al.*)  
Environmental Matters

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**Task Force to Study HIV Exposure in Maryland Correctional Facilities**

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This bill requires the establishment of a Task Force to Study HIV Exposure in Maryland Correctional Facilities. The task force's study is to include (1) an assessment of potential and actual exposures between inmates and correctional officers; (2) the feasibility of mandatory HIV testing of inmates and correctional officers; and (3) the procedures for providing adequate treatment for inmates and correctional officers. The task force is required to submit a report on its study results to the Governor, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee by January 1, 1998.

The bill takes effect July 1, 1997 and sunsets on June 30, 1998.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. It is assumed that task force members would serve without compensation but would be reimbursed for expenses under the standard State travel regulations. Any such expenditures would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the task force's meetings. Expenses are assumed to be minimal and able to be handled with existing resources of the entities represented on the task force. The resolution is silent regarding any staffing needs of the task force. Fiscal Services assumes that staff could be provided by the appropriate Executive branch departments with existing personnel.

**Local Effect:** None.

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

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