

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 469 (Delegate Bissett, *et al.*)
Judiciary

Criminal Procedure - Juveniles and Minors Identification Act

This bill allows law enforcement agencies, intake officers, and State's Attorneys to request a court to order minors and juveniles in cases involving crimes under the jurisdiction of an adult court and delinquent acts to appear for identification by another. The court is required to notify the minor or juvenile and the parent, guardian, or custodian of the time and place of the identification appointment, and of the juvenile's right to an attorney. An attorney must be appointed if one cannot be afforded.

In addition, the bill provides that a violation of these provisions may not exclude evidence or identifications otherwise legally obtained.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal. (See below.)

Local Effect: Minimal. (See below.)

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

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: While this bill could increase the workload of the District Court, it could be handled with existing budget resources. The bill could also increase costs for the Office of the Public Defender. Any such increase would depend on the number of times a court appoints an attorney to represent a minor or juvenile and cannot be reliably estimated at this time. Any increase, however, is assumed to be minimal.

Local Expenditures: While this bill could increase the workload of the circuit courts, local

law enforcement agencies, and State's Attorneys, it assumed that any such increase can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of State Police, Office of the Public Defender, Department of Fiscal Services

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