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FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 5 (Senators Ruben and Forehand)

Judicial Proceedings

Juveniles - Confidentiality of Records

This bill modifies a confidentiality requirement pertaining to juvenile police records by allowing a law enforcement agency or the Criminal Justice Information System to include, in the law enforcement computer information system, information about an outstanding juvenile court ordered writ of attachment, for the sole purpose of apprehending a child named in the writ.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal expenditure increase. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: Insignificant.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The bill authorizes, but does not require, inclusion of juvenile writ of attachment information in the law enforcement computer information system. In Maryland, adult warrant and apprehension information is currently contained in the Maryland Interagency Law Enforcement System (MILES), which is used by the State Police and local law enforcement agencies. A new system, the Maryland Statewide Warrant System (MSWS), has been designed and is scheduled for implementation in June 1998.

General fund expenditures would increase by approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000 for minor programming modifications to enable MILES and/or MSWS to accept juvenile writ of attachment information. This estimate assumes that juvenile information would not be

required to be segregated from adult information. If segregation is required, then significant additional costs could be incurred.

Data entry and accessing of juvenile writ of attachment information by State government personnel could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: Data entry and accessing of juvenile writ of attachment information by local government personnel could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Because the necessary computer programming work may be contracted out through the State procurement process, one or more small computer services businesses could benefit as a result of this bill.

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