

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 65 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee)
(Departmental - Public Safety and Correctional Services)

Judicial Proceedings

Inmates - Confiscation and Forfeiture of Cash and Contraband

This departmental bill authorizes the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to confiscate currency and other specified contraband from inmates in State operated correctional facilities. The department is required to adopt regulations governing such confiscations and forfeitures. The bill also clarifies existing authority of various correctional facilities to confiscate (and initiate forfeiture of) contraband.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal effect on general fund revenues. Any costs associated with implementing the provisions of this bill can be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: Any confiscated and forfeited cash resulting from the provisions of this bill would go to the general fund. It is assumed that the annual total of any such deposits would be minimal. Other confiscated property including weapons, alcohol, controlled dangerous substances, or other contraband would be, as appropriate, donated to charity, converted to institutional use(s), or disposed of as junk or trash.

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