

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 586 (Delegate M. Burns)

Judiciary

Division of Parole and Probation - Release of Information

This bill requires the Division of Parole and Probation to maintain a list of all individuals currently under the division’s jurisdiction who are on parole, mandatory supervision, or home detention. The list must be updated once every three months and contain the following information for each individual: (1) name, including aliases; (2) current address; and (3) the crime for which the person was convicted.

The bill allows a person to request information from the division concerning the name and other information relating to all individuals residing in a specific zip code. The division is required to release such information upon request. The division is required to adopt regulations to carry out these requirements.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by \$40,400 in FY 1999. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditures	40,400	34,400	34,900	35,500	36,000
Net Effect	(\$40,400)	(\$34,400)	(\$34,900)	(\$35,500)	(\$36,000)

Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: General fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$40,427 in fiscal 1999, which accounts for the bill's October 1, 1998 effective date. This estimate reflects the cost of hiring one contractual Clerk Typist to receive inquiries and provide information to the public. It includes salaries, fringe benefits, one-time start-up costs for computer programming, and ongoing operating expenses (including postage costs). The Division of Parole and Probation estimates that there will be information requests arising from 20% of its 45,000 cases annually. The Data Services Division of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services reports that the information required to be tracked by this bill would necessitate a new computer program. Due to other pending reprogramming needs, it is anticipated that these one-time programming needs for fiscal 1999 would be contracted out at a cost of approximately \$15,000.

Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$12,827
Computer Programming Expenses	15,000
Operating Expenses	<u>12,600</u>
Total FY 1999 State Expenditures	\$40,427

Future year expenditures reflect a 2% increase in the contractual salary, and 1% annual increases in ongoing operating expenses.

Small Business Effect: Because the software design needs arising from this bill could not be done by the Data Services Division, due to other pending reprogramming needs, it is assumed that this work would be contracted out. If a small business were successful in securing that contract, it could have a meaningful effect on that business alone. But because the amount of the contract is relatively small, the impact on the data processing services industry would be negligible.

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