

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1057 (Delegate Barve. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Group Homes - Reporting Incidents

This bill requires a “residential group home facility” to report incidents requiring the involvement of law enforcement or other emergency officials to the Departments of Human Resources, Juvenile Justice, and Health and Mental Hygiene (Mental Hygiene Administration), and the Office of Children, Youth, and Families. The incident must be reported within 48 hours of its occurrence. The bill requires each residential group home to establish a community advisory board to meet on a regular basis to discuss facility incidents that affect the community. A residential group home that violates the bill’s reporting provision is subject to a fine of \$100 for the first offense and \$200 for subsequent offenses. Fines paid by a residential group home may not be included in costs that are reimbursable by the State.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The civil penalty provision of this bill is not expected to significantly affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Information Source(s): Department of Human Resources; Department of Juvenile Justice; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Mental Hygiene Administration, Developmental Disabilities); Department of Legislative Services

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