

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 398 (Chairman, Judiciary Committee)  
(Departmental - Public Safety and Correctional Services)

Judiciary

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**Convictions for Certain Crimes Against Children, Sexually Violent Offenses, or  
Other Sexual Offenses - Registration Procedures**

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This departmental bill corrects errors, omissions, and inconsistencies in the registration procedures for persons convicted of certain sexual offenses and crimes against children. The bill clarifies related duties assigned to supervising authorities, local law enforcement agencies, and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS). In addition, the bill provides a specified limited civil immunity for public officials, employees, and agencies under these provisions.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Indeterminate. While this bill's corrections and clarifications may provide some additional responsibilities for supervising authorities, the impact is small enough that it can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. The extent to which the bill's limited civil immunity may protect the State and its employees from loss in future civil suits cannot be reliably predicted.

**Local Effect:** Indeterminate. (See State Effect, above.)

**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.

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