

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 1109 (Delegate Genn. *et al.*)

Judiciary

Criminal Procedure - Witnesses - Notification of Release and Escape of Offender

This bill authorizes a State's Attorney to provide a witness with a copy of the guidelines for victims and witnesses currently being produced by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Department of Juvenile Justice, and provides that these provisions do not create any additional liability on the part of elected public officials, public employees, or public agencies. A State or local commitment agency is required to notify a "witness" of a defendant's release, transfer, death, escape, or recapture.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The requirements of this bill could be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the affected State agencies.

Local Effect: None. The requirements of this bill can be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the State's Attorneys and local commitment agencies.

Small Business Effect: None.

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