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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 680 (Delegate Bartlett. *et al.*)

Judiciary

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**Correctional Facilities - Sexually Explicit Materials - Sale, Rental, and  
Distribution - Prohibited**

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This bill allows the managing official of a State or local correctional facility to prohibit the sale, rental, and distribution of sexually explicit material in the facility.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The Patuxent Institution already has a complete ban of such material in place. The Division of Correction has some system-wide prohibitions in place. Accordingly, granting such authority to managing officials at State correctional facilities should not significantly affect the current operations of each correctional facility or the finances of the division. Enforcement could be handled with existing budgeted resources of each facility and/or the division.

**Local Effect:** None. Granting such authority to managing officials at local correctional facilities would not directly affect governmental finances. Some jurisdictions have this prohibition in place. In any case, enforcement of such a prohibition could be handled with existing budgeted resources of local correctional facilities.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Information Source(s):** Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Division of Correction), Anne Arundel County, Garrett County, Prince George's County,

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