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House Bill 347 (Prince George's County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Prince George's County - Department of Corrections
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This bill establishes that the government of Prince George's County has the principal responsibility for the health, care, and control of the inmates under the jurisdiction of the county's Department of Corrections. The bill also prohibits the county from entering into any contract with a private business entity to provide such inmate services. Each Prince George's County correctional officer is required to be a county employee and must comply with State correctional officer training requirements.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The county's correctional officers already comply with State training requirements.

Local Effect: None. The bill codifies existing practice. Any potential costs or savings arising from barring any future privatization considerations cannot be reliably estimated.

Small Business Effect: Indeterminate. It is unknown whether any small businesses currently seek, or would seek in the future, to procure (privatize) service contracts with Prince George's County for the health, care, or control of county inmates. Accordingly, this bill's impact on private sector activity or ventures cannot be reliably estimated.

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