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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 807 (Delegate Hubbard, *et al.*)

Judiciary

Private Home Detention - Minimum System Requirements

This bill specifies the duties of the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) relating to the adoption of regulations governing the minimum standards that private home detention systems must meet. The bill requires those regulations to include minimum capabilities of: (1) immediate detection of the presence or absence of an individual subject to home detention; (2) immediate reporting to a monitoring agency; and (3) the ability to maintain verified routine or random contact with the individual. The bill also defines the terms "home detention" and "intensive monitoring."

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. These changes could be handled with the existing budgeted resources of DPSCS.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Indeterminate. It is assumed that any regulations covering these capabilities would have to be crafted to accommodate current and accessible technologies. However, the extent to which these more detailed minimum standard capabilities may affect the costs or business potential of any home detention operator is unknown; and the effect to which such standards could provide a competitive advantage to larger businesses in this industry is also unknown.

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