

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 119 (Chairman, Judiciary Committee)  
(Departmental - Public Safety and Correctional Services)

Judiciary

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Public Safety Data Systems - Interagency Communication

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This departmental bill establishes a 10-member Interagency Committee on Public Safety Data Systems appointed by the Governor.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Any costs associated with supporting the committee could be handled with existing resources of the entities represented on the committee. Any benefits that may accrue to State operations or finances from recommendations of the committee cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

**Local Effect:** Any local government costs could be handled with existing resources of the local entities represented on the committee. Any benefits that may accrue to local operations or finances from recommendations of the committee cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

**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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## Fiscal Analysis

**Bill Summary:** The committee is required to meet at least 4 times annually to review and assess specified matters relating to federal mandates and in-State information technology needs, including consideration of how new and emerging developments in information technology may be incorporated into the State's public safety data systems. The committee is required to submit, as needed, legislative suggestions to the Governor.

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) is required to provide staff for the committee, and may request committee members to provide additional staff assistance as specific matters of concern arise.

On or before June 1 of each year, all in-State public safety or criminal justice agencies that use and receive information technology from DPSCS must submit to DPSCS a needs assessment statement, as specified, for the coming fiscal year that includes an estimate of monies needed to fund any requests for additional or expanded information technology services.

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**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Office of the Secretary, Information Technology and Communications Division); Department of State Police; Maryland Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration, State Highway Administration); Baltimore City; Howard County; Prince George's County

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