

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 39 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee)  
(Departmental - State Police, Dept. of)  
Judicial Proceedings

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**Criminal Procedure - Search Warrants - Child Pornography**

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This departmental bill adds child pornography and possession of child pornography to the list of types of criminal investigations allowing a judge to seal an affidavit in support of a search warrant on a finding of good cause.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill's change could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of State Police has determined that this bill will have minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Information Source(s):** Department of State Police, Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

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