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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 931 (Delegate Giannetti. *et al.*)

Judiciary

Public Records - Arrested Individuals and Victims of Crime - Limitation of Access

This bill requires a custodian of public records of arrests or complaints to deny disclosure of current addresses of arrested individuals or victims of crime unless the applicant for inspection declares, under penalty of perjury, that the information is not to be used to sell a product or service and is to be used for purposes that are scholarly, journalistic, political, governmental, or investigative if the applicant is a licensed private detective.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal. The requirements of this bill could be accommodated with the existing budgeted resources of the Attorney General, the State Police, or any other State police agency acting as a custodian of such public records.

Local Effect: Minimal. The requirements of this bill could be accommodated with the existing budgeted resources of State's Attorneys, city or county attorneys, or any local police agency acting as a custodian of such public records.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Custodians of public records of arrests or complaints are not specifically required to deny disclosure of current addresses of arrested individuals or victims of crime without a declaration that the information is not to be used to sell a product or service and is to be used for the purposes specified in the bill.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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