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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 453 (Delegate Montague, *et al.*)
Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

Juvenile Justice - Criminal Justice Information System - Dissemination of
Information

This bill requires the Criminal Justice Information System central repository to disseminate on a monthly basis non-identifying information concerning a child charged as an adult to the Maryland Justice Analysis Center of the Institute of Criminal Justice and Criminology of the University of Maryland, including the age, race, and gender of the child.

The Maryland Justice Analysis Center must analyze the information and report its results to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 30 and December 31 of each year.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services expenditures would increase by \$4,000 in FY 2002 for computer programming.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) central repository is not statutorily required to disseminate information to the Maryland Justice Analysis Center (MJAC).

Background: MJAC, which began operating in 1985 within the Institute of Criminal Justice and Criminology at the University of Maryland, provides ongoing statistical analysis and advice to a wide range of Maryland justice agencies, including the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS), and local correctional and police agencies.

State Expenditures: The bill would require the alteration of computer programming for CJIS at an estimated cost of \$4,000. The monthly cost of issuing reports to MJAC could be absorbed by DPSCS using existing budgeted resources.

Assuming reports from MJAC would include aggregate data and relatively brief analyses, the costs could be met with existing resources. If more in-depth analyses of dispositions, jail time, and recidivism rates would be required from the center, additional funding would be needed to support these efforts.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: An identical bill was introduced in the 2000 session as HB 1090. The bill passed the House but was not reported from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Cross File: None.

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