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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 665 (Delegate C Davis)
Appropriations

Anthony Gray, Jr. - Compensation for Wrongful Conviction and Wrongful Imprisonment

This bill requires the Governor to include \$7.5 million in the fiscal 2003 State budget to compensate Anthony Gray, Jr. for his wrongful conviction in 1991 and resulting wrongful imprisonment until 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by \$7.5 million in FY 2003. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

Background: Anthony Gray, Jr. was arrested and convicted for the 1991 murder of a Chesapeake Beach woman. With no legal representation, he confessed to the crime and pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and rape charges and was sentenced to life in prison. In 1999 the Calvert County State's Attorney reopened the case and determined that there was no evidence linking Gray to the crime. According to a news report, physical evidence at the scene indicated that someone else was responsible for the woman's rape and murder. Accordingly, the court released Gray.

State Fiscal Effect: The Governor must include \$7.5 million in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services' fiscal 2003 budget authorization to compensate Anthony Gray, Jr. for his wrongful conviction and subsequent imprisonment.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A similar bill (HB 1213) was introduced during the 1999 session, and received an unfavorable report from the House Appropriations Committee.

Cross File: None.

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