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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 859

(Delegates Gaines and Vallario)

(State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy)

Judiciary

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**Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy - Members - Lobbyist Registration**

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This bill provides that a member of the Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy who is a regulated lobbyist is not required to terminate his or her registration as a lobbyist.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A regulated lobbyist who becomes subject to regulation under the Public Ethics Law as a public official or employee is required to immediately terminate his or her lobbyist registration. There is an exemption for a regulated lobbyist appointed to an advisory governmental body of limited duration. Uncodified language in Chapter 631 of 2001 provides a “grandfather provision” for regulated lobbyists currently serving on boards and commissions. Specifically, it provides that a regulated lobbyist who, as of April 15, 2001, is an official subject to regulation under the Public Ethics Law would not be required to terminate his or her lobbyist registration until November 1, 2002.

**Background:** Chapter 631 of 2001 implemented the recommendations contained in the November 2000 *Report of the Study Commission on Lobbyist Ethics* including the requirements for lobbyist registration and when a regulated lobbyist must terminate registration.

Chapter 648 of 1999 established the Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy. The commission has 19 members and is responsible for the State's voluntary criminal sentencing guidelines, including collecting sentencing guidelines worksheets and automating the information; monitoring sentencing practices, including judicial compliance with the guidelines; and, when necessary, adopting changes to the guidelines.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 220 (Senator Kelley)(State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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