

**Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly

2002 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 959

(Delegate Montague, *et al.*)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

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**Department of Human Resources and Department of Juvenile Justice - Links  
Between Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice**

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This bill requires the Department of Human Resources (DHR) and the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to identify the number of children who were in the custody of a local department of social services and were referred to the courts or DJJ for delinquent acts from July 1, 1998 through July 1, 2002. DHR and DJJ must study the link between the child welfare and juvenile justice systems in the State and develop a plan to address that link. DHR and DJJ must jointly report to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2002 on what the departments have learned and their plan to address the link between the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

The bill is effective July 1, 2002.

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**Fiscal Summary**

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

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Department of Human Resources provides supportive services to extended families into which court-committed children are placed by a local department

of social services or by a juvenile court that declares the minor a child in need of assistance and requires permanency planning.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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