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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 199 (Senator Jacobs)
Judicial Proceedings

Cecil County - Injury Reports

This bill requires a physician, pharmacist, dentist, or nurse in Cecil County who treats an individual for an injury that was caused by or shows evidence of being caused by an automobile accident or lethal weapon, or the individual in charge of a hospital that treats the injured individual, to notify the Cecil County sheriff or police, or the Department of State Police of the injury as soon as practicable.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In nine counties, a physician, pharmacist, dentist, or nurse who treats an individual for an injury that was caused by or shows evidence of being caused by an automobile accident or lethal weapon, or the individual in charge of a hospital that treats the injured individual, must notify the county sheriff, the county police, or the Department of State Police of the injury as soon as practicable. This reporting requirement applies to Allegany, Anne Arundel, Charles, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Somerset, Talbot, and Wicomico counties.

The injury report must include: (1) the injured individual's name and address, if known; (2) a description of the injury; and (3) any other facts concerning the matter that might help detect crime. An individual who fails to make this required report is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a maximum \$25 fine upon conviction.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Cecil County, Department of State Police, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Legislative Services

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