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Senate Bill 142

(Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)

Judicial Proceedings

Correctional Services - Patuxent Institution - Citizens Advisory Board

This departmental bill eliminates the Citizen’s Advisory Board at the Patuxent Institution.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. This bill repeals language relating to a defunct board.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law and Background: The Patuxent Institution falls under the administrative authority of the Assistant Secretary for Treatment Services of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and is the only dedicated treatment facility within the department. It is not a part of the Division of Correction. The Patuxent facility provides treatment to men, women, and youth in its Eligible Person Program through the use of remediation management that combines psychiatry, psychology, social work, and custody on each team.

Patuxent is also the location for a number of substance abuse treatment programs for DOC male and female offenders as well as the Correctional Mental Health Center-Jessup,

the in-patient mental health unit. The Director of Patuxent is assisted by three Associate Directors: the Warden maintains responsibility for custody and security of the Institution; the Associate Director for Behavioral Sciences manages the Eligible Person Program; and the Associate Director for Psychiatry attends to the psychiatric issues relating to the Patuxent treatment regime.

The Patuxent Institution's Citizen Advisory Board was established in 1957. It has not met in at least five years and is now defunct.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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