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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 530
Appropriations

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

Judicial Proceedings

St. Mary's County - Correctional Officers' Bill of Rights

This bill provides for rights of a correctional officer relating to the employment, investigation, and discipline of correctional officers in St. Mary's County. The bill's provisions are similar to the provisions of the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights and the Cecil County Correctional Officers' Bill of Rights.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal. The bill's changes will not significantly affect St. Mary's County's operations or finances. Any future impacts arising from decisions of hearing boards cannot be reliably predicted.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill's provisions supersede any inconsistent provisions of any other State or local law that conflicts with its provisions to the extent of the conflict. These provisions do not limit the authority of the managing official to regulate the competent and efficient operation and management of a St. Mary's County correctional facility by any reasonable means including transfer and reassignment if that action is not punitive in nature and the managing official determines it to be in the best interests of the internal management of the correctional facility.

Current Law: The Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights was enacted in 1974 to guarantee police officers specified procedural safeguards in any investigation that could lead to disciplinary action. It extends to police officers of specified State and local agencies, but does not extend to any correctional officers in the State. Chapter 689 of 2008 provided for rights of a correctional officer relating to the employment, investigation, and discipline of correctional officers in Cecil County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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