

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
Enrolled - Revised

House Bill 441  
Judiciary

(Delegate Clippinger)

Judicial Proceedings

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Baltimore City - Pretrial Release of Defendant - Notice

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This bill requires the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) to notify the Baltimore Police Department if a defendant is released before trial. The bill applies only in Baltimore City, and DPSCS must provide the required notice within 24 hours of the release. This notice must be provided in a manner that allows for the sorting and filtering of the information provided by DPSCS.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** The bill can be implemented with existing budgeted resources, as discussed below. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect local finances or operations.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** While there are statutory provisions that address the notification of victims, no provisions in statute currently address the type of notification required under the bill.

**State Expenditures:** DPSCS operates the facilities used in Baltimore City for the processing and detention of pretrial defendants. DPSCS advises that it can provide the required notice with existing budgeted resources.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** SB 586 (Senator McCray, *et al.*) - Judicial Proceedings.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Baltimore, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Somerset counties; cities of Frederick and Havre de Grace; Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Office of the Public Defender; Maryland State's Attorneys' Association; Department of State Police; Department of Legislative Services

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