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Senate Bill 1095

(Senators Smith and Elfreth)

Judicial Proceedings

Judiciary

Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring

This bill reestablishes the Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring, staffed by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS), to study and make recommendations regarding the costs and availability of both publicly and privately provided pretrial home detention monitoring systems. Workgroup members may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses, as specified. By December 31 each year, the workgroup must submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024, and terminates June 30, 2027.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for workgroup members and staffing costs for DPSCS are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: Local government finances are not anticipated to be materially affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 597 of 2021 established the Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring to study and make recommendations regarding the costs and availability of both publicly and privately provided pretrial home detention monitoring systems. Chapter 544 of 2022 extended the termination date of the workgroup from June 30, 2022,

to December 31, 2023, and required the workgroup to submit an annual report by December 31 each year. The workgroup was not fully appointed and never met.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See HB 1011 and SB 704 of 2022; and SB 23 and HB 316 of 2021.

Designated Cross File: None.

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