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House Bill 1125
Judiciary

(Delegate Clippinger)

Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring - Report Alterations and Data
Collection

This bill expands the requirements for the Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring to include studying and making recommendations regarding (1) the policies and practices that apply when a person violates a condition of home detention monitoring, such as absconding from monitoring, and (2) the responses of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) and home detention monitoring agencies when a person violates a condition of home detention monitoring. The bill also requires DPSCS to annually collect and report to the workgroup related data for the prior fiscal year. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2025.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: DPSCS can handle the bill's requirements with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: By September 1 each year, DPSCS must collect and report to the workgroup the following data for the prior fiscal year:

- the number of people placed on home detention monitoring, disaggregated by race, gender, jurisdiction, and company or agency providing the home detention monitoring service;

- the number of times a person on home detention monitoring violated a condition of home detention monitoring, disaggregated by race, gender, jurisdiction, nature of the violation, and company or agency providing the home detention monitoring service;
- the number of times that a violation of a condition of home detention monitoring was reported to law enforcement; and
- the number of times that a violation of a condition of home detention monitoring was reported to a judge.

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.

Chapter 763 of 2024 reestablished 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. By December 31 each year, the workgroup must submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly. The workgroup terminates June 30, 2027.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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