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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
First Reader

Senate Bill 464

(Senator Muse)

Judicial Proceedings

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Commission to Examine the Expungement Laws of Maryland

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This bill establishes the Commission to Examine the Expungement Laws of Maryland, to be staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCCP). The commission must (1) examine the State's expungement laws and current expungement process under Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the Criminal Procedure Article; (2) review comparable expungement laws and processes in other states; and (3) develop an alternate statutory scheme that provides a streamlined process and broader eligibility. The commission must submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2027. A member of the commission may not receive compensation as a member of the commission but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2026, and terminates June 30, 2028.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** No assumed effect in FY 2026. General fund expenditures likely increase minimally for GOCCP in FY 2027 and 2028 to staff the commission, including research and preparation of the report. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the Criminal Procedure Article establishes eligibility requirements and procedures for the expungement of criminal records. Please refer to this [guide sheet](#) for a more detailed discussion of Maryland's expungement laws.

**State Expenditures:** A response from GOCPP on the fiscal and operational impact of the bill was not available in time for the publication of this fiscal and policy note. However, the Department of Legislative Services generally assumes that any costs for GOCPP to staff the commission are minimal and incurred in fiscal 2027 and 2028 only. Any expense reimbursements for commission members are likewise assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

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### **Additional Information**

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

**Designated Cross File:** HB 819 (Delegate Stinnett, *et al.*) - Judiciary.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Legislative Services

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