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BILL: SENATE BILL 860

POSITION: LETTER OF INFORMATION

EXPLANATION: Senate Bill 860 will require the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct a study on the location of individuals before and following incarceration in a State correctional facility. The study shall include data on an individual's residence prior to incarceration compared with their home plan county at release from the DOC

COMMENTS:

- The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services' (Department) Division of Correction operates 13 State correctional facilities housing offenders sentenced to periods of incarceration for 18 months and longer. The Department also oversees five facilities located in Baltimore City that houses pretrial detainees and incarcerated individuals sentenced to incarceration for periods of 18 months and less.
- A report may be generated, however, it is important to note the data points being requested are self-reported by the individual and may be inaccurate or the individual may decline to provide the information. As such, the data of the report may not be reliable and incomplete information will result in null fields and not be a clear representation.
- In addition, release home plans are only required for individuals being released on Parole and Mandatory Supervision, so home plans are not available for all releases. As such, the report will not include all releases.

CONCLUSION: The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services respectfully requests the Committee consider this information as it deliberates Senate Bill 860.