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TITLE: HB0987 Public Safety - Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund - Alterations (Community Safety and Intervention Funding Act)

DATE: March 10, 2026

COMMITTEE: Judiciary and Appropriations

POSITION: Letter of Concern

SUMMARY OF BILL: HB987 increases the statutory funding mandate for the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund from \$3 million to \$10 million annually, beginning in FY 2028. The bill also establishes funding allocation limits for programs serving the Baltimore Region and the Capital Region.

EXPLANATION: The proposed legislation more than triples the mandated funding level beginning in FY 2028, requiring a \$7 million increase in general funds and special funds appropriation authority for a special nonlapsing fund. GOCPP, which administers the program, has indicated that the expanded funding level will require two additional PINs to manage the increased grant administration and oversight workload.

Given forecasted out-year deficits and significant uncertainty about the federal budget and policy changes, it would be challenging for the State to manage this increase in spending. This challenge is compounded by major, unforeseen changes in federal policy and other ongoing budgetary pressures. DBM now forecasts significant shortfalls beginning in Fiscal Year 2027 and escalating into Fiscal Year 2028

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