Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1116: DOC SEARCH COURT RECORDS BEFORE OFFENDER RELEASE

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Fiscal note status: The revised fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the House Judiciary Committee.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires the Department of Corrections to conduct a search for outstanding warrants and cases for offenders in its custody.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Minimal State Expenditures

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to conduct a search for any outstanding warrants for persons in DOC custody under the following circumstances:

- upon initial comprehensive evaluation of the Time Computation Unit; and
- between three and eight months before a community corrections eligibility date.

The DOC must also establish guidelines and policies to align with the bill, which must address requests for additional searches by the Public Defender Liaison. If, after conducting the search, the DOC finds an outstanding warrant or case, the DOC must notify all relevant parties outlined in the bill.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in the DOC to develop policies to allow for additional court record searches by the Public Defender Liaison, and to conduct searches prior to community correction referral. The DOC already conducts searches upon intake and prior to release. Any increase in workload is expected to be minimal, and no change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the General Assembly website.