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HB17-1268

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Herod

Bill Status: House Judiciary

Sen. Coram

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BILL TOPIC: CHANGE MAX CRIMINAL PENALTY 1 YEAR TO 364 DAYS

Summary of Legislation

This bill changes the penalty for class 2 misdemeanors, class 2 drug misdemeanors, misdemeanors without a fixed statutory penalty, and municipal ordinance violations from one year to 364 days.

Local Government Impact

This bill will affect county jail expenditures by a minimal amount by lowering the maximum statutory penalty for several offense categories by one day. Because the courts have the discretion of incarceration or imposing a fine, the precise impact at the local level cannot be determined. The cost to house an offender in county jails varies from about \$53 to \$114 per day. It is assumed that the impact of this bill will be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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