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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader

House Bill 673

(Chair, Judiciary Committee)(By Request - Departmental
- Juvenile Services)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

Juvenile Services - Facilities - Garrett Children's Center

This departmental bill includes the Garrett Children’s Center as a facility the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) is specifically authorized by statute to operate. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any potential costs to DJS associated with the name change are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: DJS has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: DJS may establish and operate the facilities that are necessary to properly diagnose, care for, train, educate, and rehabilitate children who need such services. DJS operates 13 facilities across the State.

DJS advises that the facility to be named the Garrett Children’s Center is currently the Savage Mountain Youth Center (SMYC) in Garrett County. In 2018, SMYC was rebuilt into a hardware secure facility to serve youth with higher needs. For example, typical

placements include youth who present an increased risk of escape, demonstrate high aggression, have intense substance abuse disorders, or display developmental or maturity factors that are considered best served by a hardware secure placement. Renaming SMYC reflects the programming change and addresses concerns from local residents and legislators about the existing name. Furthermore, DJS notes that the new name is consistent with the current practice of naming DJS facilities by location.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Budget and Management; Department of Juvenile Services; Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Juvenile Services - Facilities - Garrett Children's Center

BILL NUMBER: HB 673

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PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESS

OR

WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS