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**BILL NO:** SB0039

**COMMITTEE:** Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**POSITION:** Letter of Information

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**TITLE:**

Department of Planning – Collateral Consequences for Individuals with Criminal Records – Study

**BILL ANALYSIS:**

SB0039 tasks the Department of Planning with conducting a study of, and report on, collateral consequences for individuals with criminal records, with respect to the right to vote, the right to hold public office, et. al. The report proposed by this bill is required to include recommendations for how to address these concerns.

**POSITION AND RATIONALE:**

The Maryland Department of Planning (Planning) does not have any data on individuals with criminal records. Once every 10 years for redistricting purposes, Planning obtains from correctional facilities the addresses, which do not include the names, of incarcerated individuals for purposes of reallocation to the last known address prior to incarceration in accordance with Maryland's No Representation Without Population Act. The study called for in this bill would require access to sociological data that is not available to Planning. While the State Data Center is housed within Planning, the study is beyond its capabilities. This bill seeks analysis on data that the State Data Center does not track, nor does it have readily available. The State Data Center has data related to socioeconomics, but not does not have any data specific to individuals.