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Measure Description:

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Public Defense Services Commission for pre-entry pilot program.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Public Defense Services Commission

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Analysis:

The measure includes a blank General Fund appropriation to the Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC) for a pre-entry pilot program. The program will be developed by the Metropolitan Public Defender Services and must also include an office providing public defender services for a rural county. The measure also requires PDSC to study the results of the pilot program and report back to the Legislative Assembly on or before February 1, 2019.

While the measure does not include an amount, PDSC, in consultation with the Metropolitan Public Defense Services, anticipates that Metropolitan Public Defense Services will need to hire a full-time social worker to develop the program. The cost for this position is anticipated to be \$153,600 which would be passed through from PDSC to the Metropolitan Public Defense Services through a professional services contract.

In addition, PDSC anticipates the need for a limited duration half-time (0.50 FTE) contract analyst to review and evaluate the data and draft a report. This position would be within PDSC and cost is anticipated to be \$132,935.

Based on this information, the estimated cost of the pilot program would be \$286,535 General Fund in the 2017-19 biennium.