Measure Description:
Directs Corrections Ombudsman to support Department of Corrections’ continuous quality improvement efforts, and to provide report to Governor and committees or interim committees of Legislative Assembly detailing staffing and resources needed to fulfill powers and duties of office within six months of appointment of ombudsman.

Government Unit(s) Affected:
Counties, Department of Corrections, Judicial Department, Office of the Governor

Analysis:
This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Judiciary to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure directs the Corrections Ombudsman to consult adults in custody (AIC), family members of AICs, and Department of Corrections (DOC) in order to inform and support the department’s continuous quality improvement efforts. In addition, the measure directs DOC to ensure that all persons confined in DOC institutions have access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment and services during their entire length of incarceration. The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that DOC may have a significant fiscal impact to provide mental health services to all persons confined in DOC institutions.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required