

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2026 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** SB628

**Patron:** Locke

**Bill Title:** Department of Housing and Community Development; Eviction Reduction Program; report.

**Bill Summary:** Establishes the Eviction Reduction Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development to (i) promote housing stability, (ii) identify barriers that contribute to eviction filings, and (iii) provide interventions to prevent or divert evictions. The bill directs the Department to develop criteria and guidelines necessary to administer the Program and to work in collaboration with the Eviction Diversion Program. The bill requires the Department to report annually to the General Assembly regarding the Program.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**Items Impacted:** N/A.

**Explanation:** This bill involves the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Courts; however, no budget action is required.

**Fiscal Summary:** This impact statement is preliminary. This bill codifies the Eviction Reduction Program within DHCD. The bill also requires the department to annually report on (i) the number of households served and the outcomes for such households, (ii) the types of assistance provided, (iii) the geographic distribution of the Program, and (iv) any legislative recommendations it has to help further the goals of the Program. Item 102 of the introduced budget bill, HB30/SB30, includes \$3.45 million in each year from the general fund to support the Eviction Prevention and Diversion Program. It is anticipated that DHCD can implement the provisions of this bill within current resources

**Other:** HB527 is the companion of this bill.