

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

Senate Bill 72

(Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee)(By Request -  
Departmental - Juvenile Services)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Membership - Department of Juvenile Services State Advisory Board**

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This departmental bill expands the membership of the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services by adding one representative each from the State's Attorneys' Association (SAA) and the Office of the Public Defender (OPD). It also requires one of the general public members of the advisory board to be an individual who is a parent or guardian of a youth who has been under the jurisdiction of the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Altering the membership of the advisory board does not materially impact State finances or operations.

**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.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** The advisory board consists of representatives from various entities, including DJS, the State Department of Education, the Department of State Police, the Judiciary, and the General Assembly. It also includes seven members of the general public, some of whom must meet specified requirements. Advisory board members serve three-year terms and are appointed by the Governor.

Among other duties, the advisory board recommends policies and programs to improve juvenile services in the State, participates in planning the development and use of available resources to meet the needs of DJS, and consults with the Secretary of Juvenile Services on each aspect of the State's juvenile services program.

DJS advises that the membership changes proposed by the bill are intended to increase the board's effectiveness and enhance the programs and services offered by DJS. Furthermore, representatives from SAA and OPD already frequently attend and participate in board meetings. Allowing these entities to have an official vote in board matters will further utilize their extensive knowledge of juvenile justice issues for matters important to the daily functions of DJS.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Office of the Public Defender; Maryland State's Attorneys' Association; Department of Juvenile Services; Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Membership - Department Juvenile Services State Advisory Board

BILL NUMBER: SB 72

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PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

X  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