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RE: Maryland Correctional Training Center (DPSCS)
Housing Unit Windows and Heating Systems

Dear Senator DeGrange:

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services concurs with the Legislative Analyst's recommendation to approve the project to replace windows and the heating systems at six housing units at the Maryland Correctional Training Center (MCTC).

The Maryland Correctional Training Center's 40 year old heating system is unreliable, inefficient and is in danger of failure. Cost of maintenance and concerns for the safety of staff and inmates require the heating system be updated with replacement units. Also the windows are ineffective and are a security risk as contraband can be easily passed through the windows. Replacing the windows and heating systems in the housing units will increase the efficiency of the heating systems at MCTC and prolong the life of the facility.

I would like to extend my gratitude to you and the Subcommittee for your ongoing interest and continued support for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

I would be happy to provide additional information and assistance should you have any questions with respect to this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary D. Maynard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Gary D. Maynard
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RE: Capital Budget Overview Response

Dear Senator DeGrange:

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has attached the response on the Analyst's questions concerning the Proposed Youth Detention Center at the Baltimore City Detention Center.

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**Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Capital Budget Overview**

New Youth Detention Center at the Baltimore City Detention Center

Question:

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) should comment on the status of the population analysis and a timeline for re-bidding the construction contract if a re-scope is determined to be necessary. The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) recommends restricting the construction funding provided in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan (MCCBL) of 2010 for this project until a report is submitted to the budget committees providing the results of the population analysis and identifying the final size of the new facility.

Response:

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has been working with a national consultant and community advocates to reconsider the appropriate population projections for the new Youth Detention Center. The approved program and design was based on population projections with available data completed in December 2007. Recent reduction in pretrial population has given cause to reexamine the population projections and bring the program requirements up to date.

We expect to have a draft report to evaluate in mid April and respond to the proposed legislative language by June 2011. If this study results in a project re-scope with an adjustment to the program requirements, and the budget committees concur with our recommendations some redesign may be required. We estimate approximately 3 months of redesign, 3 months of procurement to rebid and award of the project by January 2012. The project has construction period of 32 months with an estimated completion of September 2014. (In the event major changes to the program are required this schedule could be revised.)

We concur with the analyst recommended language to restrict construction funding until a report is submitted to the budget committees providing the results of the population analysis and identifying the final size of the new facility.

Recommendation:

DLS recommends approval of the pre-authorization of GO bond funding totaling \$41.1 million in fiscal 2013 and \$21.7 million in fiscal 2014 for the construction of YDC.

Response:

We concur with the analyst recommended language to the pre-authorization of GO bond funding for the construction of Youth Detention Center.

Recommendation:

De-authorization and repurposing funds for DPSCS projects at MHC and BCDC:

DLS recommends de-authorizing the \$2.4 million available from the WCI projects and repurposing \$2.0 million for projects at MHC and BCDC. DLS also recommends language requiring a report on how inmate labor will be utilized in the deconstruction of MHC and the cost of providing the necessary training.

Response:

We concur with the analyst recommended language to de-authorize \$2.4 million from the Western Correctional Institution projects and repurpose \$2.0 million for projects at Maryland House of Correction and Baltimore City Detention Center. We agree to prepare a report on how inmate labor will be utilized in the deconstruction of the MHC and the cost of providing necessary training.

Recommendation:

DLS recommends repurposing \$500,000 of the de-authorized funds to be used for the design of the deconstruction of MHC. DLS recommends repurposing \$1.5 million to renovate the Annex Building at BCDC to create a new dining facility, contingent on approval of the program plan by DBM.

Response:

We concur with the analyst recommended language to authorize repurposing \$500,000 for the design of the deconstruction of the MHC and \$1.5 million to renovate the Annex Building at Baltimore City Detention Center to create a new dining facility, contingent on approval of the program plan by the Department of Budget and Management.