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Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Division of Parole and Probation
Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget
Response to Department of Legislative Services Analysis

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Public Safety, Transportation and Environment Subcommittee
Senator Sarah K. Elfreth, Chair
February 15, 2024

Appropriations Committee
Public Safety and Administration Subcommittee
Delegate Jazz Lewis, Chair
February 14, 2024

Issues: None

Recommended Actions:

1. **The committees request a report due by September 15, 2024, from DPP on the following the exact breakdown of support staff and general supervision caseloads by office into DPP supervision levels for fiscal 2023;**
 - the exact breakdown of case closures by reason, region, and office;
 - and a description of strategies that DPP is using to reduce caseload ratios and prevent agents from taking on too many cases.

Response:

1. **The Department accepts this recommendation.**

2. The committees request that DPP submit a report, due November 1, 2024, on the transition to new screening tools used in community supervision. The report should include the following:

- a description of the new tools and process;
- areas in the current process that represent improvements over the previous processes;
- the transition timeline;
- challenges to implementation;
- alternatives considered, including the reasons for deciding against alternatives; and
- an analysis of the reliability of the new screening tools to predict security risk and/or compliance with conditions of supervision.

Response:

2. The Department accepts this recommendation.