

Counties, one representative chosen by the Maryland Municipal League, one representative chosen by the Maryland Sheriffs' Association, and any other local law enforcement representatives who choose to participate with the consent of the AOC, DPSCS, and DSP) have executed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) addressing necessary improvements in the processing of civil protective and ex parte orders:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Program Title</u>	<u>General Funds</u>
Judiciary	CA00.09	Judicial Data Processing (JIS)	<u>\$500,000</u> <u>\$1,000,000</u>
DPSCS	QA01.02	Office of the Secretary, I/T & Communications Division	<u>\$500,000</u> <u>\$1,000,000</u>
DSP	WA01.01	Office of the Superintendent	<u>\$500,000</u> <u>\$1,000,000</u>

This MOU shall:

(1) be developed in consultation with relevant public safety information technology task forces, ~~and~~ work groups, and State information technology consultants made available for this purpose by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) or the General Assembly;

(2) include a needs assessment and strategic plan which identifies benchmarks and a timetable. To the extent possible at the strategic planning level, the strategic plan will include projected roll-out schedules, and cost projections, both cumulative and by fiscal year;

(3) identify the tasks associated with the needs assessment and strategic plan for which each agency is responsible and the time by which each task will be completed;

(4) be incorporated as relevant into each agency's and the Judiciary's fiscal 2003 Information Technology Project Request, fiscal 2003 Information Technology Master Plan, and fiscal 2003 budget request;

(5) address both long-term and short-term solutions to problems in protective order processing; proposed solutions must include a quality assurance component; and

(6) be executed by November 15, 2001.

Further provided that the budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment on the MOU.

SECTION 42. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the general fund appropriation made in the following State agency and the Judiciary shall be withheld by the following amounts until the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) have executed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) addressing necessary improvements in the collection of fines and fees: