

Department of Legislative Services
 Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 184 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)
 (Departmental - Public Safety and Correctional Services)

Commerce and Government Matters

Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services - Deputy Secretaries

This departmental bill requires the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to appoint an additional deputy secretary for the department. This would increase the number of deputy secretaries from one to two. The appointment must be made with the approval of the Governor. The bill also provides that the Secretary must designate one of the deputy secretaries to be acting secretary when the Secretary is unavailable.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The cost of the additional position is set forth below. FY 1999 costs reflect the bill's October 1, 1998 effective date. Out-year costs reflect annualization and inflation. The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services advises that these costs could be handled with existing resources without the need for additional funding.

FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
\$99,500	\$105,200	\$108,900	\$112,700	\$116,600

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small businesses (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: This deputy secretary position would be classified at ES 8, base step (\$83,987) of the executive pay plan as specified in the proposed fiscal 1999 State budget. The current deputy position is classified at ES 8, step 6 (\$100,039). General fund expenditures for this position would be an estimated \$99,485 in fiscal 1999, which accounts for the bill's October 1, 1998 effective date. This estimate includes an ES 8, base step salary (\$62,990), fringe benefits (\$13,934), and other operating expenses (\$22,561). By fiscal 2003, these costs will total \$116,641.

However, the department advises that all funding needs for the additional deputy secretary can be handled with existing budgeted resources via reallocations of resources within the department's anticipated budget allowance for fiscal 1999 as well as the out-years.

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