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House Bill 582

(Delegate Walkup, *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

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Kent County - Sheriff of Kent County - Salary

This bill increases the annual salary of the Kent County Sheriff from \$54,000 to \$65,000 for calendar 2007 and by \$1,000 each year, until the salary reaches \$68,000 in calendar 2010.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Kent County expenditures would increase by approximately \$8,600 in FY 2007 and by \$22,000 in FY 2011 for salary, pension, and benefits contributions for the Kent County Sheriff. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Kent County Sheriff is paid an annual salary of \$52,000. The salary increases to \$54,000 for calendar 2006. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which for the Kent County Sheriff begins in January 2007.

Background: Chapter 73 of 2002 increased the Kent County Sheriff's salary from \$45,000 to \$48,000 for calendar 2003, and incrementally increased it to \$54,000 between calendar 2004 and 2006. **Exhibit 1** shows the current sheriffs' salaries for Eastern Shore counties.

Exhibit 1
Current Sheriffs' Salaries for Eastern Shore Counties

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>July 2003 Population</u>	<u>Salary Amount</u>
Caroline	30,861	\$55,000
Cecil ¹	92,746	53,000
Dorchester ²	30,612	45,000
Kent ¹	19,680	52,000
Queen Anne's	44,108	53,000
Somerset	25,447	48,100
Talbot	34,670	62,424
Wicomico	87,375	80,000
Worcester	49,604	65,000

¹Salary increases to \$54,000 in calendar 2006.

²Salary increases to \$62,000 in calendar 2006.

Local Fiscal Effect: Kent County expenditures in fiscal 2007 would increase by \$8,635 for salary (\$5,500), pension (\$1,760), and benefits (\$1,375), reflecting the six-month period from January through June 2007. In fiscal 2011, county expenditures would increase by \$21,980 for salary (\$14,000), pension (\$4,480), and benefits (\$3,500). This estimate is based on a constant pension contribution rate of 32% and a 25% benefits contribution rate, as advised by the county. **Exhibit 2** shows the breakdown of the increased compensation for the Kent County Sheriff.

Exhibit 2
Increased Compensation for Kent County Sheriff
Fiscal 2007 – 2011

<u>Compensation</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>
Salary	\$5,500	\$11,500	\$12,500	\$13,500	\$14,000
Pension	1,760	3,680	4,000	4,320	4,480
Benefits	<u>1,375</u>	<u>2,875</u>	<u>3,125</u>	<u>3,375</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Total	\$8,635	\$18,055	\$19,625	\$21,195	\$21,980

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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