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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 912

(Washington County Delegation)

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Washington County - Sheriff's Salary

This bill increases the annual salary of the Washington County Sheriff from \$67,500 to \$80,000 beginning with the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Washington County expenditures would increase by \$8,500 in FY 2007 and by \$14,600 beginning in FY 2008. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Washington County Sheriff is paid an annual salary of \$67,500. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which for the Washington County Sheriff is December 2006.

Background: Chapter 307 of 2001 increased the sheriff's salary from \$55,000 to \$67,500. **Exhibit 1** shows the sheriffs' salaries for selected counties.

Exhibit 1
Current Sheriffs' Salaries for Selected Counties

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>July 2003 Population</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Allegany ¹	73,668	\$51,000
Carroll ²	163,207	60,000
Frederick	213,662	80,000
Garrett	30,049	60,000
Washington	136,796	67,500

¹ Increases to \$53,000 in calendar 2006.

² Increases to \$65,000 12/01/2005.

Local Fiscal Effect: Assuming current employer contribution rates remain constant, fiscal 2007 Washington County expenditures would increase by \$8,507 for salary (\$7,292) and benefits (\$1,215), reflecting the seven-month period between December 2006 and June 2007. Future year expenditures would increase by \$14,581 for salary (\$12,500) and benefits (\$2,081) beginning in fiscal 2008. **Exhibit 2** shows the breakdown of the increased compensation for the Washington County Sheriff.

Exhibit 2
Increased Compensation for the Washington County Sheriff

<u>Compensation</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>Annualized</u>
Salary	\$7,292	\$12,500
Social Security	558	956
Pension	438	750
Workers' Compensation	157	269
Long Term Disability	<u>62</u>	<u>106</u>
Total	\$8,507	\$14,581

Note: Numbers may not compute due to rounding.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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