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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 544

(Frederick County Delegation)

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Frederick County - Sheriff - Salary

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This bill increases the annual salary of the Frederick County Sheriff from \$80,000 to \$100,000, beginning with the next term of office.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Frederick County expenditures would increase by \$12,900 in FY 2007 and by \$25,700 annually beginning in FY 2008. Revenues would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** The current salary for the Frederick County Sheriff is \$80,000. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which for the Frederick County Sheriff is January 2007.

**Background:** The salary of the Frederick County Sheriff was last changed by Chapter 211 of 2001, when it increased from \$50,000 to \$80,000. **Exhibit 1** shows the salaries for sheriffs of selected Maryland jurisdictions.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**Current Sheriffs' Salaries for Selected Maryland Counties**

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>July 2003 Population</u>	<u>Salary of Sheriff</u>
Anne Arundel	506,620	\$92,527
Baltimore City <sup>1</sup>	628,670	72,000
Baltimore	777,184	70,000
Carroll <sup>2</sup>	163,207	60,000
Frederick	213,662	80,000
Harford	232,175	90,000
Howard <sup>3</sup>	264,265	65,000
Montgomery	918,881	107,758
Prince George's	838,716	101,000
Washington	136,796	67,500

<sup>1</sup> Salary increases to \$74,000 in CY 2006.

<sup>2</sup> Salary increases to \$65,000 on 12/01/2005.

<sup>3</sup> Salary increases to \$66,500 in CY 2006.

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**Local Fiscal Effect:** Frederick County expenditures in fiscal 2007 would increase by \$12,859 for salary (\$10,000), pension contribution (\$1,770), and benefits (\$1,089), reflecting the six-month period from January through June 2007, and constant employer contribution rates for pension and benefits. For fiscal 2008 and each year thereafter, county expenditures would increase by \$25,718 for salary (\$20,000), pension contribution (\$3,540), and benefits (\$2,178).

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

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