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(Delegate Barnes, *et al.*)

State Aid for Police Protection - Supplemental Grants

This bill alters the calculation of the State Aid for Police Protection Fund (police aid formula) by providing a supplemental grant of \$8 per capita to any municipality that contains a higher education institution with a full-time undergraduate enrollment of at least 24,000 students on its principal campus. In order to receive the supplemental grant, a municipality must provide matching funds for police protection.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. No qualifying municipality meets the bill's requirements.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Additional State funding under the police aid formula is not provided to a municipality containing a higher education institution.

Legislation enacted in 2006 requires the State to provide a supplemental grant to subdivisions bordering the District of Columbia (Montgomery and Prince George's counties) by an amount equal to \$0.50 for each person living in Maryland within one mile of the border between Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Background: State grants are provided to counties and qualifying municipalities for the exclusive purpose of providing adequate police protection under the State Aid for Police

Protection Fund, which was established in 1967. The program is commonly known as the police aid formula. In fiscal 2008, State funding for this program will total \$65.9 million. **Appendix 1** shows the fiscal 2008 total State Aid for Police Protection distribution by county.

Local governments spent approximately \$1.1 billion on police protection in fiscal 2004. County governments accounted for 62.3% of these expenditures, Baltimore City accounted for 25.8%, and municipal governments accounted for 11.9%.

Baltimore City was excluded from the police aid formula beginning in fiscal 1992 when the State assumed the responsibility of operating and funding the Baltimore City Detention Center. In fiscal 1995, the State established a central booking facility for the city. The proposed fiscal 2008 State budget includes \$126.6 million in State funding for the Baltimore City Detention Center and Central Booking Facility. Legislation was enacted that enables Baltimore City to receive a \$0.50 per capita grant for police aid beginning in fiscal 1997.

There are 156 municipalities in Maryland. Baltimore and Howard counties are the only counties in Maryland that do not have municipalities. For purposes of the police aid formula, Baltimore City is not considered a municipality.

No qualifying municipality in the State contains an institution of higher education with a full-time undergraduate enrollment of at least 24,000 students on its principal campus. The municipality coming closest to meeting the bill's requirement is College Park. It is estimated that there are 23,353 full-time equivalent students enrolled with the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP). This total also includes those students enrolled with UMCP, but attend classes at the Shady Grove Regional Education Center. The City of College Park has a population of 25,171. If the City of College Park had been eligible for the supplemental grant, State general fund expenditures could have increased by \$201,400 in fiscal 2008.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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Appendix 1
Total State Aid for Police Protection in Fiscal 2008

County	Population	Aid Amount	Per Capita Amount
Allegany	73,639	\$864,341	\$11.74
Anne Arundel	510,878	6,702,428	13.12
Baltimore City ¹	635,815	65,583	0.10
Baltimore	786,113	9,793,502	12.46
Calvert	87,925	795,214	9.04
Caroline	31,822	326,185	10.25
Carroll	168,541	1,610,826	9.56
Cecil	97,796	932,821	9.54
Charles	138,822	1,236,063	8.90
Dorchester	31,401	361,182	11.50
Frederick	220,701	2,272,217	10.30
Garrett	29,909	236,975	7.92
Harford	239,259	2,714,586	11.35
Howard	269,457	3,498,038	12.98
Kent	19,899	200,370	10.07
Montgomery	927,583	15,231,895	16.42
Prince George's	846,123	14,171,553	16.75
Queen Anne's	45,612	410,249	8.99
St. Mary's	96,518	828,938	8.59
Somerset	25,845	241,994	9.36
Talbot	35,683	397,556	11.14
Washington	141,895	1,400,150	9.87
Wicomico	90,402	959,738	10.62
Worcester	48,750	679,043	13.93
Total	5,600,388	\$65,931,447	\$11.77

¹State funding for the Baltimore City Detention Center and Central Booking Facility is expected to total \$126.6 million in fiscal 2008. Baltimore City's share of police aid is reduced to reflect the additional State cost for these city facilities.

Source: Department of Legislative Services
