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Senate Bill 1059

(Senator Conway)

Judicial Proceedings

Rules and Executive Nominations

**Baltimore City - Office of the Baltimore City Sheriff - Positions and Grievance
Procedures**

This bill authorizes the Baltimore City Sheriff to appoint specified additional personnel if funding is available. In addition, the bill increases from \$400 to \$500 the annual expense allowance of Baltimore City deputy sheriffs for (1) ammunition for practice sessions at the range; (2) clothing allowance to defray the cost of dry cleaning and maintaining the clothing worn while on duty; and (3) the purchase and maintenance of other items necessary to fulfill duties that currently are not furnished by the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office.

The bill also requires the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the Baltimore Police Department and the Baltimore City Administration, to study the logistics of transferring warrant service duties from the Baltimore Police Department to the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office and best practices employed by other jurisdictions throughout the nation in the service of warrants. The Baltimore City Sheriff's Office must report its findings and recommendations to the Baltimore City Delegation by December 31, 2016.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill does not affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: Baltimore City expenditures increase by \$10,600 annually beginning in FY 2017 for ammunition and clothing reimbursements for all 106 deputy sheriffs in the sheriff's office. Baltimore City revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the Baltimore City Sheriff to appoint, provided that specified funding exists, the following additional personnel: (1) 2 assistant sheriffs; (2) 1 deputy sheriff major; (3) 2 deputy sheriff captains; (4) 2 deputy sheriff lieutenants; (5) 3 deputy sheriff sergeants; (6) 18 deputy sheriffs; (7) 1 domestic violence clerk; and (8) 1 domestic violence advocate.

Current Law: The Baltimore City Sheriff must appoint (1) an undersheriff or chief deputy sheriff; (2) one assistant sheriff; (3) three deputy sheriff majors; (4) three deputy sheriff captains; (5) six deputy sheriff lieutenants; (6) one secretary sheriff; and (7) one fiscal clerk sheriff. The Sheriff may appoint up to a maximum of (1) 9 deputy sheriff sergeants; (2) 103 deputy sheriffs; (3) 2 domestic violence clerks; and (4) 2 domestic violence advocates.

Except for deputy sheriffs, deputy sheriff sergeants, and deputy sheriff lieutenants, salaries for these employees must be set by the Secretary of Budget and Management. Salaries for deputy sheriffs must be set at a rate at least equivalent to grade 14 of the State pay scale. Salaries for deputy sheriff sergeants must be set at a rate at least equivalent to grade 16 of the State pay scale. Salaries for deputy sheriff lieutenants must be set at a rate at least equivalent to grade 18 of the State pay scale.

In addition to any other compensation received, each deputy sheriff must receive an expense allowance of \$400 annually for (1) ammunition for practice sessions at the range; (2) clothing allowance to defray the cost of dry cleaning and maintaining the clothing worn while on duty; and (3) the purchase and maintenance of other items necessary to fulfill duties that currently are not furnished by the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office.

Background: There are 222 budgeted positions in the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, including 103 deputy sheriffs.

Local Fiscal Effect: Baltimore City expenditures increase by \$10,600 annually beginning in fiscal 2017, as shown in **Exhibit 1**. This estimate reflects a \$100 increase for ammunition and clothing reimbursements for all 106 deputy sheriffs in the sheriff's office.

The bill also authorizes the Baltimore City Sheriff, to the extent funding is available, to appoint an additional 2 assistant sheriffs, 1 deputy sheriff major, 2 deputy sheriff captains, 2 deputy sheriff lieutenants, 3 deputy sheriff sergeants, 18 deputy sheriffs, 1 domestic violence clerk, and 1 domestic violence advocate. If all of these additional positions are appointed in fiscal 2017, Baltimore City expenditures could increase by \$2.9 million annually.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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Exhibit 1
Increased Baltimore City Expenditures for Additional Positions within Sheriff's Office

<u>Required Expenditures</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Deputies</u>			<u>Total</u>	
Ammunition/Clothing Expense	\$400	\$500	\$100	106			\$10,600	
<u>Optional Expenditures</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Authorized Increase</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Fringe Benefits</u>	<u>Pension Cost</u>			<u>Total</u>
Assistant Sheriff	1	2	\$99,147	\$17,449	\$30,914			\$295,020
Deputy Sheriff Major		1	97,442	17,333	30,382			145,157
Deputy Sheriff Captain	3	2	92,337	16,989	28,791			276,234
Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant	6	2	82,346	16,317	25,675			248,676
Deputy Sheriff Sergeant	9	3	69,193	15,428	21,574			318,585
Deputy Sheriff	103	18	53,648	14,385	16,728			1,525,698
Domestic Violence Clerk	2	1	48,449	17,039	4,670			70,158
Domestic Violence Advocate	2	1	44,613	16,543	4,301			65,457
Total – Optional Expenditures							\$2,944,985	
