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House Bill 1409

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

Prince George's County - Marriage License Fees - Distribution of Proceeds
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This bill alters the recipient of specified proceeds from marriage license fees in Prince George's County by repealing a requirement for the proceeds to be distributed to the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County. Instead, the Prince George's County Director of Finance must distribute the proceeds to Community Crisis Services, Inc.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is technical in nature and does not affect State finances, as discussed below.

Local Effect: The bill is technical in nature and does not affect local finances, as discussed below.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The basic statewide marriage license fee is \$10, of which \$5 is retained by the clerk of the circuit court and \$5 is paid into the general fund of the county where the fee is assessed.

Except as otherwise specified by law, individual or groups of counties are authorized to set additional marriage license fees, the proceeds of which must be used to fund domestic violence programs. In Prince George's County, the county council may set by resolution an additional fee of up to \$60 for each license. The proceeds from the additional license

fee are distributed to the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County. By December 1 on an annual basis, the county executive is required to prepare and make available a report on the disposition of the additional fees collected during the previous fiscal year.

State/Local Fiscal Effect: Although the bill alters the distribution of specified proceeds from marriage license fees collected in Prince George's County, it does not alter the portions of the fee kept by the State and Prince George's County. Accordingly, there is no impact on State and local finances. The Judiciary advises that the bill reflects the recent acquisition of the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County by Community Crisis Services, Inc.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Prince George's County; Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Department of Legislative Services

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