

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
 Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 390 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee)  
 (Departmental - Public Safety and Correctional Services)  
 Judicial Proceedings

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**Fire Prevention Commission, Office of the State Fire Marshal, and Explosives  
 Advisory Council - Transfer to the Department of State Police**

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This departmental bill transfers the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Fire Prevention Commission, and the Explosives Advisory Council, including all resources and employees, from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) to the Department of State Police.

The bill is effective July 1, 1997.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures would increase by \$29,700 in FY 1998 as discussed below. Out-year expenditures reflect annualization and inflation. Revenues would not be affected.

| (in dollars)    | FY 1998    | FY 1999    | FY 2000    | FY 2001    | FY 2002    |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| GF Revenues     | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        |
| GF Expenditures | 29,700     | 39,800     | 41,300     | 42,800     | 44,400     |
| Net Effect      | (\$29,700) | (\$39,800) | (\$41,300) | (\$42,800) | (\$44,400) |

*Note: ( ) - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

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## Fiscal Analysis

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures would increase by an estimated \$29,716 in fiscal 1998, which reflects a 90-day start-up delay. This estimate reflects the cost of the State Police hiring one Fiscal Specialist to perform the payroll accounting duties currently done by fiscal personnel in DPSCS's consolidated accounting operations, which are not being transferred under this bill. It includes salaries, fringe benefits, and minimal ongoing operating expenses.

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| Salaries and Fringe Benefits            | \$29,641        |
| Operating Expenses                      | <u>75</u>       |
| <b>Total FY 1998 State Expenditures</b> | <b>\$29,716</b> |

Future year expenditures reflect (1) full salaries with 3.5% annual increases and 3% employee turnover; and (2) 2% annual increases in ongoing operating expenses.

Any additional administrative costs incidental to the transfer provided by this bill would not significantly affect State finances. DPSCS's fiscal 1998 budget allowance for the these operations is \$8.97 million. Under this bill, that allowance would be transferred to the budget of the Department of State Police.

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**Information Source(s):** Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Department of State Police, Department of Fiscal Services

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