

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1243 (Delegates Perry and Vallario)  
Judiciary

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**Public Defender - Salary - Minimum**

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This bill sets a minimum salary for the Public Defender of not less than the salary of a circuit court judge.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Increase of \$2,725 in salary and fringe benefit expenditures in FY 1998 (primarily general fund) for the Office of the Public Defender. The Public Defender currently earns \$94,191 (executive service grade 7, step 7). A circuit court judge currently earns \$96,500. The Public Defender's salary would therefore increase by \$2,309, with an additional \$415 in fringe benefit costs. Out-year expenditures would depend on salary increases provided to circuit court judges.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None. This bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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