

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 703 (Senators Colburn and Baker)  
Judicial Proceedings

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**Police Training Commission - Probationary Certification**

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This bill authorizes the Police Training Commission to grant probationary certification to a person who executes a contract with a municipality, county, or law enforcement unit. If a person terminates such an employment contract prior to completion of the probationary period, the commission must revoke the certification. The person is then ineligible for certification until the date upon which that employment contract would have been completed.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Potential indeterminate increase in computer programming costs as discussed below. Revenues would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None. (See below.)

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

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** The Police Training Commission reports that computer programming expenditures could increase by an estimated \$4,000 to modify the computer programs to track employment contracts for approximately 1,000 police officers per year (and potentially for two - three years afterward). However, the Department of Fiscal Services advises that the increased computer expenditure is simply an estimate and the commission may be able to handle the changes with either less money than it estimates or existing resources.

**Local Effect:** A limited survey of local jurisdictions provides a consensus estimate that this bill would have no fiscal impact. The Department of Fiscal Services advises that the bill may provide some indeterminate operational efficiencies for local governments and police

agencies because it could deter police officers from leaving one police agency and going to another before serving the full contract term with the first agency.

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**Information Source(s):** Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Police Training Commission), Prince George's County, Baltimore City, Washington County, Department of Fiscal Services

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