

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 614 (Prince George' County Delegation)
Judiciary

Prince George's County Sheriff's Office - Compensation of Assistant Sheriffs
PG 319-97

This bill establishes salary ranges for the Chief Assistant Sheriff and the Assistant Sheriffs in Prince George's County. The range for the Chief Assistant Sheriff is from \$59,000 to \$95,000, while the Assistant Sheriff's salary range is from \$58,000 to \$90,000. The bill is effective July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County expenditures could increase by \$108,800 in FY 1998 if the salaries of the Chief Assistant Sheriff and Assistant Sheriffs are increased as discussed below. County revenues would not be affected.

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

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: The Prince George's County budget office estimates the potential cost of the proposed legislation in fiscal 1998 to be \$108,800, including fringe benefits, as follows:

	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>New Salary</u>	<u>Additional Cost</u>
Chief Asst. Sheriff	\$59,000	\$79,700	\$20,700
Assistant Sheriffs (3)	\$58,000	\$78,700	\$62,100
Total Additional Salaries			\$82,800
Plus Fringe Benefits (@ 31.4%)			\$26,000
Total Additional Personnel Costs			\$108,800

The office bases this estimate on the assumption that while salaries of Assistant Sheriffs could increase, they are unlikely to increase above the current statutory salary of the Sheriff (\$83,000). The office also estimates that the salaries for the Chief Assistant Sheriff and the Assistant Sheriffs are likely to be at, or slightly higher than, the current salary for the Deputy Sheriff Major, which is \$78,700.

Expenditures would increase even further if the Prince George's County Sheriff increases the salaries of the Chief Assistant Sheriff and Assistant Sheriffs beyond the levels forecasted by the Prince George's County budget office. Although the actual salary increases cannot be determined beforehand, the expenditure increase could be substantial. For example, Prince George's County expenditures would increase by \$173,400 if the Prince George's County Sheriff increases the salaries of the Chief Assistant Sheriff and the other Assistant Sheriffs to the maximum salaries allowed under the proposed legislation. This estimate is based on \$132,000 in additional salary costs versus the current maximum salaries. Fringe benefits would total an additional \$41,400.

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