Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 635 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Judiciary   Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Prince George's County - Orphans' Court Judges - Salaries
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This amended bill increases the salary of each Associate Judge of the orphans' court for Prince George's County from $28,000 to $31,500. The salary of the Chief Judge of the orphans' court will increase from $28,500 to $32,000. The salary increases do not take effect until the beginning of the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: County expenditures would increase by $8,045 in FY 1999 and by $13,800 annually thereafter. No effect on county revenues.

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

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: The orphans' court in Prince George's County has one Chief Judge and two Associate Judges that sit for four-year terms. Because the compensation of sitting orphans' court judges may not be increased during their term of office, the increases provided under this bill will not become effective until after the November 1998 election (fiscal 1999).

Assuming the salary increases take effect December 1, 1998, county expenditures could increase by an estimated $8,045 in fiscal 1999. This estimate reflects a total salary increase of $6,125 for the last seven months of fiscal 1999, and a 31.4% fringe benefit rate.

Salary Increase	$6,125
Fringe Benefits	1,920
Total FY 1999 Expenditure Increase	**$8,045**

Future year expenditure increases of $13,800 reflect full year salaries and fringe benefits.

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