

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Joint Resolution 5 (Senator Dorman)  
Judicial Proceedings

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**Task Force to Study Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Among Public Safety and  
Emergency Services Personnel**

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This joint resolution requests the Governor to establish a Task Force to Study Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) among public safety and emergency services personnel. The task force consists of members of the General Assembly and representatives from the executive branch, local governments, public safety and emergency services employees' groups, and the public. The Governor's office must provide staff support. The task force must make a final report to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 1998.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Compliance with this joint resolution could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

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

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Effect:** It is assumed that task force members would be eligible for expense reimbursements according to the standard State travel regulations. The Office of the Governor advises that expenditures for expense reimbursements would increase by approximately \$8,000. The Department of Fiscal Services advises that actual expense reimbursements would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the task force's meetings. It is expected that reimbursements for the governmental members could be handled with the existing resources of the governmental entities represented on the task

force. Likewise, reimbursements for the non-governmental members could be handled with the Executive Department's existing resources. The staff requirements also could be handled with the existing resources of the Governor's Office.

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