

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 77 (Chairman, Finance Committee)
(Departmental - State Police, Dept. of
Finance)

**Executive Department - Death Benefits -
Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs of Baltimore City**

This emergency departmental bill authorizes the State to pay a death benefit of \$50,000, as well as funeral expenses up to \$10,000, for Baltimore City sheriffs who are killed or die in the line of duty.

The bill applies to funeral benefits for all such deaths occurring on or after the bill's effective date.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential indeterminate increase in general fund expenditures. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of State Police has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: These death benefits are paid by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) out of general funds that are appropriated for this purpose. The funds are allocated on the basis of the number of payments actually made during the preceding fiscal year. Accordingly, adding the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs of Baltimore City to those law enforcement officers entitled to such benefits could potentially increase general

fund DPSCS expenditures by an indeterminate amount annually. Although DPSCS has paid an average of five such benefits per year over the last four years for all law enforcement personnel covered under this statute, Baltimore City reports that there have been no city sheriffs killed in the line of duty in recent memory.

Information Source(s): Baltimore City, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Department of State Police, Office of the Governor, Department of Fiscal Services

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