# **Department of Fiscal Services**

Maryland General Assembly

# FISCAL NOTE Revised

Senate Bill 598 (Anne Arundel County Senators) (By Request)

Judicial Proceedings Referred to Commerce and Government Matters

#### Anne Arundel County - State's Attorney - Salary Adjustments

This enrolled bill increases the salary of the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney from \$89,000 to \$94,000 in calendar 1999, and by 2.8% annually thereafter through fiscal 2002. These increases do not apply until the next term of office.

### **Fiscal Summary**

State Effect: None.

**Local Effect:** Anne Arundel County expenditures would increase by \$2,900 in FY 1999; \$7,300 in FY 2000; \$10,300 in FY 2001; and \$13,500 in FY 2002. These estimates reflect only the increases in the State's Attorney's salary and fringe benefits. Expenditures could also increase depending upon the salary adjustments for Deputy State's Attorneys and Assistant State's Attorneys. No effect on revenues.

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

### **Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Expenditures:** Under existing law, the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney earns \$89,000 annually, excluding fringe benefits. The bill increases the salary to \$94,000 in calendar 1999 and by 2.8% annually thereafter through fiscal 2002. Since the salaries are based on calendar years, the out-year fiscal impact would reflect salary increases covering two calendar years. For example, the impact in fiscal 1999 reflects six months of the \$89,000 salary and six months of the \$94,000 salary, plus fringe benefits. As a result, expenditures would increase by \$2,879 in fiscal 1999. This estimate reflects the salary increase for six months and fringe benefits at 15.15% of the salary. Expenditures would increase by \$7,275 in fiscal 2000; \$10,349 in fiscal 2001; and \$13,510 in fiscal 2002.

Anne Arundel County expenditures could also increase depending upon the salary adjustments for Deputy State's Attorneys and Assistant State's Attorneys. Under existing law, their salaries cannot exceed specified percentages of the State's Attorney's salary, 90% for Deputy State's Attorneys and 80% for Assistant State's Attorneys. Since the bill increases the State's Attorneys' salary, it also increases the maximum amounts that the deputies and assistants could be paid. At this time, the actual salary increases and the number of attorneys affected cannot be reliably estimated.

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