

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 659 (Charles County Delegation)
Commerce and Government Matters Referred to Economic & Environmental Affairs

Charles County - County Officials and Departments - Organizational and Technical Changes

This amended bill changes the titles of “Deputy County Administrators” in Charles County for the Departments of Fiscal Services, Planning and Growth Management, and Public Facilities to “Directors”. The county commissioners may create a Department of Utilities, and appoint a director to oversee its operations. The bill also authorizes the county commissioners to change the title of the “Deputy County Administrator” for the Department of Community Services to the “Director”.

The bill is effective July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Charles County expenditures could increase by \$4,500 in FY 1998. Out-year expenditures would increase depending upon inflation.

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

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: Currently, the Charles County Department of Public Facilities operates the park system, roads system, water and sewer systems, solid waste services, environmental and recycling programs, and sports programs. The bill authorizes the county commissioners to create a Department of Utilities to operate some of these functions. If the department is created, it is anticipated that the person in charge of the existing utilities division within the Department of Public Facilities would be promoted to director of the Department of Utilities.

As a result, expenditures would increase by \$4,480 in fiscal 1998 reflecting the salary increase and fringe benefits. Out-year expenditures would depend upon inflation.

In addition, Charles County expenditures could increase due to the costs associated with changing existing letterhead and signs to reflect the various title changes. However, the increase would be minimal, and could be absorbed within the county's existing resources.

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