# **Department of Fiscal Services**

Maryland General Assembly

#### **FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1269 (Delegate Stull, *et al.*) Judiciary

### Frederick County - Special Deputy Sheriffs - State's Attorney Investigators

This emergency bill authorizes the Frederick County Sheriff to appoint investigators with the State's Attorney's Office as special deputy sheriffs provided the investigators have achieved at least the minimum level of training for police duties in a municipality, county, or state, as designated by the Police and Correctional Training Commission. These investigators are not subject to the law enforcement officers' bill of rights, and are not considered uniformed personnel of the Sheriff's Office. In addition, they are not entitled to the benefits provided to uniformed personnel.

# **Fiscal Summary**

State Effect: None.

**Local Effect:** Minimal expenditure increase for Frederick County as discussed below. No effect on revenues.

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

# **Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Expenditures:** Currently, there are three investigators in the State's Attorney's Office in Frederick County who meet the minimum training standards for police duties as set by the Police and Correctional Training Commission. It is expected that only these investigators would be appointed as special deputy sheriffs. Thus, the county would not incur any additional training costs. Expenditures would only increase by a minimal amount due to the additional liability costs associated with using the investigators in such a manner.

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