

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 519 (Senator Baker)
Judicial Proceedings

Referred to Judiciary

Public Defender - Salary

This amended bill sets the salary for the Public Defender equal to the salary of an associate circuit court judge.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Increase of \$2,725 in salary and fringe benefit expenditures in FY 1998 (primarily general fund) for the Office of the Public Defender. The Public Defender currently earns \$94,191 (executive service grade 7, step 7). An associate circuit court judge currently earns \$96,500. The Public Defender's salary would therefore increase by \$2,309, with an additional \$415 in fringe benefit costs. Out-year expenditures would depend on salary increases provided to circuit court judges.

Local Effect: None.

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

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