
By: **Senators Derr and Ferguson (Frederick County Senators)**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County - Criminal Justice Technology Enhancement Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing in Frederick County the Criminal Justice Technology
4 Enhancement Fund; requiring that an Oversight Committee be created to
5 administer the Fund; providing for the membership of the Oversight Committee;
6 specifying that the Fund consist of certain charges collected by certain courts in
7 Frederick County; requiring that each person convicted of a criminal offense in
8 the county be assessed a certain charge; requiring that the charge be ordered by
9 the judge and collected by the court at the time of sentencing or disposition;
10 requiring that the Oversight Committee use the Fund to purchase equipment
11 for technical support services, such as computers, typewriters, and radio
12 communications equipment, for all criminal justice and law enforcement
13 agencies in the County; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the
14 Criminal Justice Technology Enhancement Fund in Frederick County.

15 BY adding to
16 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
17 Section 7-408
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

23 7-408.

24 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
25 INDICATED.

26 (2) "COUNTY" MEANS FREDERICK COUNTY.

27 (3) "FUND" MEANS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TECHNOLOGY
28 ENHANCEMENT FUND.

1 (B) (1) THERE IS A CRIMINAL JUSTICE TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT FUND
2 IN FREDERICK COUNTY.

3 (2) THE FUND SHALL BE CONTINUING AND NONLAPSING.

4 (C) THE FUND SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
5 THAT CONSISTS OF:

6 (1) THE SHERIFF FOR THE COUNTY;

7 (2) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR
8 THE COUNTY;

9 (3) THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE FREDERICK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT;

10 (4) THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE BRUNSWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT;

11 (5) THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE THURMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT;

12 (6) THE COMMANDER OF THE FREDERICK BARRACK OF THE STATE
13 POLICE; AND

14 (7) A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, TO BE SELECTED BY THE OTHER
15 MEMBERS OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

16 (D) THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ALL CHARGES COLLECTED UNDER
17 SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

18 (E) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN FREDERICK COUNTY.

19 (2) THE DISTRICT COURT AND CIRCUIT COURT SHALL ASSESS A COURT
20 CHARGE OF \$5 FROM EACH PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

21 (3) THE CHARGE SHALL BE ORDERED BY THE JUDGE AND COLLECTED
22 BY THE COURT AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING OR DISPOSITION.

23 (F) THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SHALL USE THE FUND TO PURCHASE
24 EQUIPMENT FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES, SUCH AS COMPUTERS,
25 TYPEWRITERS, AND RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR ALL CRIMINAL
26 JUSTICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE COUNTY.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 1998.