

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 31 (Delegates M. Burns and D. Murphv)

Appropriations

Public Safety Personnel - Death Benefits

This bill increases, from \$50,000 to \$100,000, the amount of death benefits the State pays for certain law enforcement officers, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, correctional officers, volunteer or professional firefighters or rescue squad members, and members of the State Fire Marshal's Office who die or are killed in the line of duty.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate increase in general fund expenditures. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: These death benefits are paid by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) out of general funds appropriated for this purpose. The number of annual payments made in recent years has been between five and seven (\$250,000 - \$350,000). Accordingly, general fund expenditures could increase by an additional \$300,000 annually based on an average of six death payments annually.

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