

Department of Legislative Services
 Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 562 (Senator Colburn)

Finance

University of Maryland Police Force

This bill repeals current law allowing the use of a campus security force or building guards instead of a campus police force at University System of Maryland (USM) constituent institutions.

The bill is effective July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Total increase in university expenditures of \$590,000 in FY 1999; out-years reflect annualization, salary increases, and inflation. No effect on revenues.

(in dollars)	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$590,000	\$617,000	\$638,000	\$661,000	\$684,000
Net Effect	(\$590,000)	(\$617,000)	(\$638,000)	(\$661,000)	(\$684,000)

Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Several of the USM institutions employ security forces to augment their police departments. These workers generally work under contract and are not university employees. One institution, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, relies solely on a private security firm for its security needs. The security forces are often used to provide a security presence at campus activities where large numbers of people are gathered, such as athletic

events, student socials, and concerts. The use of these security forces reduces the number of police officers required to be full-time employees in the department and/or reduces the number of overtime hours police officers would be required to work to staff special events along with performing their regular duties.

As a result of this bill, university expenditures could increase by an estimated \$589,872 in fiscal 1999, which accounts for a 90-day start-up delay. This estimate reflects the costs of hiring 44 police officers to perform security functions currently performed by other workers, over and above amounts currently being spent for the other workers. It includes salaries, fringe benefits, one-time start-up costs, and ongoing operating expenses.

	<u>FY 1999</u>
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$515,872
Operating expenses	50,000
One-time automobile purchases and training expense	<u>24,000</u>
Total	\$589,872

Future year expenditures reflect: (1) full salaries with 3.5% annual increases and 3% employee turnover; and (2) 1% annual increases in ongoing operating expenses.

Small Business Effect: Any small businesses that provide security workers under contract to USM institutions would lose business as a result of this bill.

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