

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 105 (Howard County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

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**Howard County - Orphans' Court - Salaries of Judges**  
**Ho. Co. 11-98**

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This bill increases the annual salary of each Associate Judge of the Orphans' Court for Howard County from \$5,800 to \$6,380. The salary of the Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court increases from \$6,728 to \$7,400.

The salary increases would take effect January 1, 1999.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Minimal increase in general fund expenditures associated with increased retirement contributions.

**Local Effect:** County expenditures would increase by \$986 in FY 1999 and by \$1,972 annually thereafter. No effect on revenues.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** The Orphans' Court for Howard County has one Chief Judge and two Associate Judges, who are part of the State employees' retirement and pension system. As a result of the salary increases provided for by this bill, general fund expenditures for retirement contributions for the judges would increase by less than \$150 per year.

**Local Expenditures:** The salaries of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Howard County are paid with local funds. As a result of this bill, county expenditures would increase by an estimated \$986 in fiscal 1999. This estimate reflects a total salary increase of \$916 for the last six months of fiscal 1999, and \$70 for Social Security.

Future year expenditure increases of \$1,972 reflect full year salaries and Social Security.

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**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Howard County, Department of Legislative Services

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