

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE****Revised**

House Bill 475 (Delegate Conwav. *et al.*)

Appropriations

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**University of Maryland Police Force**

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This bill authorizes the use of a campus security force or building guards in addition to a campus police force at University System of Maryland (USM) constituent institutions. Under current law, USM constituent institutions may be permitted to use a campus security force or building guards instead of a campus police force.

The bill is effective July 1, 1998.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not substantively change State activities or operations.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** Several of the USM constituent institutions use security forces, which are generally made up of contract workers who are not university employees. 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.

The bill would not affect expenditures because all the institutions that currently use security forces also have campus police forces.

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