

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 755 (Prince George's County Delegation)

Judiciary

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**Prince George's County - Correctional Officer Applicants - Lie Detector Tests  
PG 306-98**

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This bill exempts applicants for correctional officer positions with the Prince George's County Department of Corrections from the current law prohibition against the use of a lie detector test.

This bill is effective June 1, 1998.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Prince George's County expenditures would increase by an estimated \$10,000 annually beginning in FY 1999. Revenues would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal impact. This bill may result in additional revenue for a private contractor selected through the procurement process, which may be a small business.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Expenditures:** Prince George's County advises that under this change such tests would be used routinely for applicants for employment. The county usually has one recruitment per year. There are generally about 30-40 applicants accepted for training from a pool of approximately 100 applicants who have passed the written and physical examinations and cleared the background checks. It is assumed that the lie detector tests would be administered to this pool of applicants who have passed the preliminary tests prior to final selection for the training class.

Each lie detector test would be administered by a private contractor as is currently the case with the county police department. The cost for each test is \$100, which is borne by the county. Accordingly, it is estimated that this legislation would result in additional annual county expenditures of \$10,000 (100 applicants x \$100).

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