

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 777 (Prince George's County Delegation)

Appropriations

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Prince George's County - State's Attorney - Transfer of Budgetary Responsibility  
PG 311-98

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This bill transfers the budgetary responsibility for the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office from the county to the State.

The bill is effective July 1, 1999.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures would increase by approximately \$7.5 million in FY 2000. Out-years reflect 2.5% annual inflation. General fund revenues would increase by approximately \$15,000 in FY 2000 and thereafter.

(in dollars)	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2002	FY 2004
GF Revenues	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
GF Expend.	7,484,900	7,672,000	7,863,800	8,060,400	8,261,900
Net Effect	(\$7,469,900)	(\$7,657,000)	(\$7,848,800)	(\$8,045,400)	(\$8,246,900)

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

**Local Effect:** Prince George's County expenditures would decrease in proportion to the increase in State general fund expenditures. Revenues would decrease due to the crediting of all fees to the State general fund.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Fiscal Analysis

**State Revenues:** Beginning on July 1, 1999, all fees collected by the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office will be credited to the State's general fund. In fiscal 1998 the county expects to collect \$15,000 from these fees; assuming a constant level of fees, State general fund revenues would increase by \$15,000 annually beginning in fiscal 2000.

**State Expenditures:** The Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office general fund appropriation for fiscal 1998 is \$7,124,200. This amount includes salaries and fringe benefits (\$6,502,500) as well as operating expenses (\$621,700). It does not include any grant funds, an issue not addressed by the bill.

Assuming an increase of 2.5% in these costs, by fiscal 2000 the full cost of operating the State's Attorney's Office is estimated at \$7,484,900. Accordingly, it is estimated that State general fund expenditures would increase by that amount in fiscal 2000, and would increase by 2.5% annually thereafter.

The State currently pays the retirement contribution for the Prince George's County State's Attorney. The bill does not specify whether the employees of the State's Attorney's Office would remain in the Prince George's County pension system, be placed into the State employee's pension system, or be given an option. Therefore the estimates contained in this fiscal note assume that the State would make pension contributions that are equal to those currently made by Prince George's County.

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