

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 1307 (Delegate Leopold. *et al.*)
Ways and Means

Anne Arundel County - Education - Restitution for Bomb Threats

This bill requires the governing body of Anne Arundel County to seek court ordered restitution on behalf of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education from an individual convicted of a destructive device violation. Under current law, only the State, a county, a municipal corporation, a bicounty agency, or a special taxing district may receive court ordered restitution.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential increase in Anne Arundel County revenues. Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County revenues could increase to the extent that restitution is paid for actual costs incurred in response to bomb incidents. According to the Anne Arundel County Public School System, to date the school system has experienced 104 bomb threats, including 48 high school, 33 middle school, and 23 elementary school evacuations. The average cost per hour in lost staff time for these evacuations are: \$4,743 for high schools; \$2,426 for middle schools; and \$1,051 for elementary schools. Assuming that each evacuation lasts for three hours, the Anne Arundel County Board of Education could receive up to \$1 million in court ordered restitution if all the current bomb threats result in an arrest and conviction. However, the amount of court ordered restitution actually collected depends, in part, on an offender's ability and willingness to make payments.

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