

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 1048 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Judiciary

Prince George's County - State's Attorney's Office - Assistant State's Attorneys
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This bill: (1) increases the number of Assistant State's Attorneys that may be appointed to the State's Attorney Office in Prince George's County from 57 to 62; (2) increases the salary of the county's State's Attorney beginning with the next term of office from \$104,000 to \$107,775 in calendar 1999 and 2000, \$111,000 in calendar 2001, and \$114,300 in calendar 2002; and (3) increases the maximum annual salary caps of Deputy State's Attorneys from \$86,500 to \$90,000, Assistant State's Attorneys from \$77,850 to \$81,000, and the Administrative Assistant to the State's Attorneys from \$47,000 to \$52,000, effective July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County expenditures could increase by \$21,099 in FY 1999 if the salaries of the State's Attorney, three Assistant State's Attorneys and an Administrative Assistant are increased above the existing salary maximums. Future expenditures would depend upon the actual salary increases for the Assistant State's Attorneys. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: The State's Attorney's salary would increase fiscal 1999 expenditures by \$2,454 (\$1,888 salary/\$567 in fringe benefits). This amount reflects only one-half of the total increase in salary due to the effective date of January 1, 1999. Prince George's County advises that neither of the Deputy State's Attorneys is currently at the maximum; therefore, the change is not expected to affect fiscal 1999 expenditures. The salaries of three Assistant State's Attorneys who are at or near the current maximum would be increased by \$3,114 each plus \$934 in benefits, for a total of \$4,048 each. Therefore, the total fiscal 1999 increase would be \$12,145.

Only 50 of the current 57 authorized positions are now filled; therefore, increasing the number of authorized positions would probably have no effect in fiscal 1999 because it is unlikely the additional five authorized positions will be filled. The Administrative Assistant position is currently vacant; however, when filled the salary could increase expenditures by \$6,500 in fiscal 1999 (\$5,000 salary/\$1,500 fringe benefits).

The estimated increase in fiscal 1999 expenditures is limited to increases above the existing salary maximums. The estimate is based on the following:

1 State's Attorney from \$104,000 to \$107,775 (effective January 1, 1999)	\$1,888
3 Assistant State's Attorneys from \$77,850 to \$81,000 (assumes a 4% increase)	\$9,342
1 Administrative Assistant \$47,000 to \$52,000	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
 Total Salaries	 \$16,230
Plus Fringe Benefits @ 30%	<u>\$ 4,869</u>
 Total	 \$21,099

Expenditures for the State's Attorney's salary would increase by \$4,908 in fiscal 2000, \$9,100 in fiscal 2001, and \$13,390 in fiscal 2002 and thereafter. If the Prince George's County State's Attorney increases the salaries of the Deputy State's Attorneys and Assistant State's Attorneys above the existing salary maximums, out-year expenditures would increase. Although the actual salary increases cannot be determined beforehand, the increase could be substantial.

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