

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 788 (Senator Derr)

Judicial Proceedings

Frederick County - Special Deputy Sheriffs - State's Attorney Investigators

This emergency bill authorizes the Frederick County Sheriff to appoint investigators with the State's Attorney's Office as special deputy sheriffs provided the investigators have achieved at least the minimum level of training for police duties in a municipality, county, or state, as designated by the Police and Correctional Training Commission. These investigators are not subject to the law enforcement officers' bill of rights, and are not considered uniformed personnel of the Sheriff's Office. In addition, they are not entitled to the benefits provided to uniformed personnel.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal expenditure increase for Frederick County. No effect on revenues.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: Currently, there are four investigators in the State's Attorney's Office in Frederick County who would need additional training to meet the minimum training standards for police duties as set by the Police and Correctional Training Commission. It is expected that only three of these investigators would be appointed as special deputy sheriffs. The Frederick Police Training Academy advises that these investigators would be permitted to attend training classes at no charge. Expenditures would only increase by a minimal amount due to the additional liability costs associated with using the investigators in such a manner.

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