

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 319 (Senator Baker)

Judicial Proceedings

Public Defender - Salary

This bill sets the salary for the Public Defender equal to the salary of an associate circuit court judge.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by \$10,045 in FY 1999 and by about \$13,393 on an annualized basis. Future year increases would depend upon the salary of a circuit court judge as approved by the General Assembly.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: In accordance with the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission (SJ2/HJ2), effective July 1, 1998, the salary of circuit court judges is increased by 11.7% from \$96,500 to \$107,775.

State Expenditures: The Public Defender is classified at ES 7, Step 7 (\$95,466) of the executive pay plan in the proposed fiscal 1999 State budget. An associate circuit court judge will earn \$107,775 beginning in fiscal 1999. General fund expenditures would thus increase by \$10,045 in fiscal 1999 reflecting the increase in salary (\$9,232) and fringe benefits (\$813), as well as the bill's October 1, 1998 effective date. Beginning in fiscal 2000 this increase would be \$13,393. Future year increases would depend upon the salary of circuit court judges as approved by the General Assembly.

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