

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1161 (Chairman, Judiciary Committee)
 (Departmental - Stadium Authority)

Judiciary

Police Force - Maryland Stadium Authority

This departmental bill creates the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) Police Force. The bill provides that an MSA police officer has all the powers of a peace and police officer in the State and may only exercise these powers on property that is owned, leased, operated by, or under the control of MSA, except under specified circumstances. The authority must adopt standards, qualifications, training, and other requirements for MSA police officers in consultation of the Secretary of State Police and the Maryland Police Training Commission. Further, the bill authorizes the use of a private security force instead of, or in addition to, the MSA police force.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by \$8,800 in FY 2000 to train MSA employees. Future years reflect inflation and ongoing training expenditures. General fund revenues could increase minimally if a State agency provides training services.

(in dollars)	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
GF Revenues	-	-	-	-	-
GF Expenditures	\$8,800	\$8,900	\$9,000	\$2,900	\$4,200
Net Effect	(\$8,800)	(\$8,900)	(\$9,000)	(\$2,900)	(\$4,200)

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

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in revenues.

Small Business Effect: The Maryland Stadium Authority has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this

assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Currently, MSA employs 14 full-time people as its security force. MSA plans to convert these employees into a police force whose members have all the powers of a peace and police officer in the State. In order for a member of the MSA security force to have such powers, he or she must attend a police training academy for six months. MSA anticipates enrolling five employees in fiscal 2000, five employees in fiscal 2001, and four employees in fiscal 2002 in a training academy. Assuming a 3% rate of employee turnover, MSA will have to train a new employee every other year beginning in fiscal 2002. It is estimated that the cost to enroll one employee is \$1,200. Accordingly, MSA expenditures will increase by about \$6,000 in fiscal 2000, 2001, and 2002 and by \$1,200 every other year thereafter. MSA expects to provide additional in-house training each year. The annual cost of this training, including the cost of classroom materials and guest speakers to familiarize employees with updated police issues and procedures, is approximately \$2,800.

MSA advises that it does not intend to alter the classification or salaries of any of its current employees in response to the bill. Additionally, the bill would not necessitate the need for additional supplies as each employee is already equipped with a uniform and other supplies required to fulfill the duties of a member of a police force. The bill authorizes the use of a private security force instead of, or in addition to, the MSA police force. This will not affect the expenditures of the MSA because it currently utilizes a contracted private security force to supplement its full-time security staff.

The Department of State Police, the Police Training Commission, and several local jurisdictions operate police training academies. Should MSA choose to enroll the members of the MSA police force in a training academy operated by a State agency, the revenues of that agency could increase minimally.

The Department of State Police and the Police Training Commission could provide consultation services with existing resources.

Local Effect: Several local jurisdictions have police training academies in which the employees of MSA could participate. Should MSA choose to enroll the members of the MSA police force in a training academy run by a local jurisdiction, the revenues of that jurisdiction could increase by a minimal amount.

Information Source(s): Maryland Stadium Authority, Police/Correction Training Commission, Department of State Police, Department of Legislative Services

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