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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 824 (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 increases (1) the number of assistant State's attorneys who may be appointed to the State's Attorney Office in Prince George's County from 62 to 65; and (2) the maximum annual salary caps of deputy State's attorneys from \$90,000 to \$97,000, assistant State's attorneys from \$81,000 to \$90,000, and the administrative assistant to the State's attorneys from \$52,000 to \$56,000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County expenditures could increase by \$119,925 in FY 2000 if three assistant State's attorneys are hired and the salaries of the two deputy State's attorneys, four 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: Increasing the number of authorized positions for assistant State's attorneys from 62 to 65 would increase expenditures by approximately \$87,750 in fiscal 2000 (\$67,500 salaries/\$20,250 fringe benefits). This estimate reflects the hiring of three assistant State's attorneys with an annual salary of \$30,000. Expenditures would increase by \$117,000 on an annualized basis.

Under the proposed legislation the salary cap for a deputy State's attorney would increase by \$7,000. There are two deputy State's attorneys in Prince George's County. Assuming both deputies receive the maximum salary, expenditures would increase by \$13,650 in fiscal 2000 (\$10,500 salaries/\$3,150 fringe benefits), or \$18,200 on an annualized basis.

The salaries of four assistant State's attorneys who are at or near the current maximum would be increased by \$3,750 each plus \$1,125 in benefits, for a total of \$4,875 each. Therefore, the total fiscal 2000 increase would be \$14,625, or \$19,500 on an annualized basis. This estimate assumes that the four assistant State's attorneys will receive a 4% increase in salary.

Increasing the maximum salary of the administrative assistant from \$52,000 to \$56,000 would increase expenditures by \$3,900 in fiscal 2000 (\$3,000 salary/\$900 fringe benefits), or \$5,200 on an annualized basis.

The estimated increase in fiscal 2000 expenditures is based on the addition of three new assistant State's attorneys and increases above the existing salary maximums. The estimate is based on the following for nine months of fiscal 2000:

3 Additional Assistant State's Attorneys	\$87,750
2 Deputy State's Attorneys from \$90,000 to \$97,000	13,650
4 Assistant State's Attorneys from \$81,000 to \$84,750 (assumes a 4% increase)	14,625
1 Administrative Assistant from \$52,000 to \$56,000	<u>3,900</u>
Total	\$119,925

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