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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 214 (Senator Neall)

Budget and Taxation

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**State Comptroller's Office - Investigative Services Unit**

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This bill increases the salaries of sworn police officers of the Investigative Services Unit (ISU) of the State Comptroller's Office to the level of Maryland State Police officers and provides that such parity continues, as discussed below.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1999.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund personnel expenditures for increased salaries and fringe benefits for sworn police officers of the Investigative Services Unit of the State Comptroller's Office would increase by \$45,100 in FY 2000. Future year expenditures reflect anticipated salary growth of 3.5%.

(in dollars)	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditures	45,100	46,700	48,300	50,000	51,800
Net Effect	(\$45,100)	(\$46,700)	(\$48,300)	(\$50,000)	(\$51,800)

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

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Fiscal Analysis

**Bill Summary:** This bill provides that:

- Sworn police officers of the ISU are subject to the same salary plan (including grades, steps, and increments based on years of service) as Maryland State Police officers.
- Whenever Maryland State Police officers receive a salary increase, sworn police officers of the ISU will receive the same percentage increase.
- Whenever Maryland State Police officers receive a grade or step increase, sworn police officers of the ISU will receive an equal grade or step increase.
- The pay parity that existed between Maryland State Police officers and the sworn police officers of the ISU on June 30, 1997 would be reestablished by adjusting the salary scale of the ISU to match certain comparable ranks of Maryland State Police officers.
- In determining the length of service of a sworn police officer of the ISU, the employee would be given credit for years of creditable service under the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System. (Creditable service includes military service or other types of service that are earned other than with the State and already counts toward the member's pension. The Comptroller's Office does not count such service credit towards seniority for salary scale or other personnel issues, however.)

**Background:** The Comptroller's Investigative Services Unit is responsible for the enforcement of laws regarding transient vendors, alcohol and tobacco taxes, motor fuel taxes, and motor carrier tax revenues.

**State Expenditures:** There are 8 officers in the Investigative Services Unit who would be eligible for a salary increase under this bill. Expenditures would increase by an estimated \$45,100 in fiscal 2000 to bring these officers to parity with troopers of corresponding rank in the Department of State Police. The fiscal 2000 expenditure estimate reflects the adjustment of the current salaries of members of the Investigative Services Unit to establish parity with the State Police Salary Plan, the 4% salary increase in the State Police Salary Plan, and fringe benefits at 32% of salaries. The fiscal 2000 estimate also includes a \$1,275 per position adjustment for a general State salary increase. Out-year general fund expenditure increases reflect 3.5% annual salary increases and fringe benefits at 32%.

Troopers in the State Police Salary Plan will also receive a clothing stipend of \$1,000 in fiscal 2000. It is uncertain if the officers affected by this bill would receive these stipends;

hence this estimate does not reflect any adjustment for the stipends. Adding military credit toward salary seniority scales will increase personnel expenditures by an indeterminate amount, depending on how many years of military credit these officers have.

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