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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 794 (Senator Haines)

Budget and Taxation

Public Safety Training Center - Martin Gross Complex at the Springfield Hospital Center

This bill requires the Governor to provide funds for the construction of the Public Safety Training Center through pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) funding in the fiscal 2001 operating budget. The bill also requires the center to be constructed within the Martin Gross Complex at the Springfield Hospital Center in Carroll County.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal. Constructing this project at the Carroll County location should not significantly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Meaningful. The extent to which constructing and having this center in Carroll County (near Sykesville) could be beneficial to the local business community cannot be reliably estimated at this time, although it is assumed to be meaningful.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Budgeted and anticipated capital expenditures for this project are not site specific. PAYGO spending in fiscal 2001 for the Public Safety Training Center is currently projected at \$6.9 million. Since the Springfield Hospital Center was the original site for the center, and design moneys have already been spent with this site in mind, it is assumed that the requirements of this bill could be accommodated with minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services or the overall fiscal 2001 operating

budget. In addition, since this bill also requires the center to be located at the Martin Gross Complex it is assumed that any fiscal 2000 funding for this project (\$10.3 million PAYGO) would have to be made in a manner consistent with this project siting.

Additional Comments: The Governor's fiscal 2000 allowance provides that the academic complex and the remaining skills development components of the training center project be located at a different site. The rationale for the proposed site change is that the current site is not consistent with Smart Growth.

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