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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 556 (Delegate Minnick. *et al.*)
(Baltimore County Administration)

Judiciary

Extrajurisdictional Authority for Police Officers - Joint Operation

This bill authorizes a police officer to arrest a person throughout the State without jurisdictional limitations if participating in a joint police operation whereby: (1) a warrant has been issued against the person; (2) the officer is participating in an operation created by agreement between the “primary law enforcement officers”; (3) the arrest occurs or is initiated within one of the participating jurisdictions pursuant to the agreement; and (4) the officer is acting in accordance with regulations adopted by the officer’s agency to implement these provisions.

In addition, the bill provides for specified immunities and exemptions for participating police officers. Any police officer using the authority granted by this bill must remain an employee of the officer’s respective employing agency at all times or for all purposes.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. While this bill could lead to better communications between and among State and local law enforcement agencies as well as some additional arrest efficiencies, there would be no effect on the overall operating costs of those agencies.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Maryland Department of Transportation (Maryland Transportation Authority, Maryland Port Administration); Kent, Prince George's, Washington, and Worcester counties; Department of Legislative Services

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