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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 828 (Prince George's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Prince George's County - Correctional Officers - Workers' Compensation

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This bill adds Prince George's County correctional officers to the group of State and local law enforcement officers for whom there is a presumption of occupational disease for workers' compensation purposes, when specified heart and lung illnesses have resulted in partial or total disability or death. The officer is entitled to the presumption only to the extent that the current condition is more severe than prior to the officer's employment. Prince George's County correctional officers employed on or before September 30, 1999 must provide to the Prince George's County Department of Correctional Services a medical report of any such existing conditions. The bill also changes from "suffered" to "contracted" the description of the manner in which the occupational illness is obtained for all State and local employees subject to the heart and lung presumption.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: No impact from including local correctional officers in the presumption. It is not clear what, if any, fiscal impact would result from the nomenclature change from "suffered" to "contracted." Any such fiscal impact would apply to the State and all the local governments that are subject to the heart and lung presumption for their law enforcement officers.

Local Effect: Indeterminate, but assumed minimal, increase in workers' compensation expenditures for Prince George's County as a result of including local correctional officers in the heart and lung presumption.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Injured Workers' Insurance Fund, Workers' Compensation Commission, Prince George's County, Department of Legislative Services

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