

SENATE BILL 557

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By: **Senators Currie and Exum**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **District Court - Security Services - Costs**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the costs of operation of the District Court include
4 certain security costs; requiring the State to reimburse certain counties for the
5 costs associated with providing certain security services for the District Court;
6 providing for the legislative intent of this Act; and generally relating to the costs
7 associated with providing certain security services for the District Court.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 1-608
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 1-608.

17 (a) The cost of maintenance, operation, INCLUDING SECURITY OF THE
18 COURTROOM, COURTHOUSE, AND PERSONS IN CUSTODY AT THE COURTHOUSE, and
19 administration, and of providing necessary facilities, including capital costs, of the
20 District Court shall be borne exclusively by the State, and, except as provided in Title
21 7 of this article, or otherwise expressly by law, all revenues derived from the
22 operation and administration of the District Court shall enure to the general funds of
23 the State.

24 (B) IF THE SHERIFF OF A COUNTY PROVIDES SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE
25 DISTRICT COURT, THE STATE SHALL REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR THE COST OF
26 PROVIDING THE SECURITY SERVICES.

27 [(b)] (C) The costs listed in subsection (a) of this section shall be included and
28 itemized in the annual State budget or in the annual construction loan as submitted

1 to the General Assembly by the Governor and subject to the power of the General
2 Assembly with respect to budget appropriations.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act
4 reflect the ruling of the Court of Appeals in the case of Prince George's County,
5 Maryland v. Aluisi, 354 Md. 422 (1999), regarding the State's responsibility for the
6 costs of District Court security provided by the Prince George's County Sheriff and
7 reflect a commitment to appropriate funds to Prince George's County in the following
8 amounts: \$57 million in FY 2001 for the reimbursement of the cost of security and
9 prisoner management provided by the Sheriff from the inception of the District Court
10 to FY 2000, inclusive, and annual amounts thereafter to cover the costs of District
11 Court security provided by the Sheriff.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 July 1, 2000.