

Department of Legislative Services

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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 42 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee)
(Departmental - Transportation)

Judicial Proceedings

Transportation - Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights

This departmental bill provides that officers of the Maryland Transportation Authority Police are covered under the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights (LEOBR).

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The LEOBR coverage provided by this bill is not expected to materially affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Transportation has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: Maryland Transportation Authority police officers are technically not covered by the LEOBR.

Background: Chapter 535 of 1998 (HB 1042), in part, deleted reference to "the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force" (among others) and substituted "the Police Forces of the Department of Transportation." Because the Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA) is separate from the department, the 1998 change actually eliminated LEOBR coverage for MdTA police. The department believes this effect to have been unintentional; this bill

The only existing police agency within the department is the Mass Transit Administration Police. The rights of Mass Transit Administration Police, or any other police officers, are not affected by this bill.

LEOBR coverage has been extended via Chapters 535 and 560 of 1998 and Chapter 443 of 1999 to police officers of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; police officers of the Department of General Services; police officers of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; police officers of the University System of Maryland; and full-time investigative and inspection assistants in the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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