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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 343 (Chairman. Anne Arundel County Senators)

Judicial Proceedings

Anne Arundel County - Sheriff's Salary - Equal to Captain of the Police Department

This bill increases the salary of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County to the highest rate in the pay scale for a captain in the Anne Arundel County Police Department.

The bill is effective October 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures in support of the Sheriff's pension would increase by approximately \$525 in FY 2003 and by \$1,050 in later fiscal years.

Local Effect: Due to salary increases and associated FICA tax increases, Anne Arundel County expenditures would increase by almost \$10,000 in FY 2003 and by approximately \$20,000 in later years.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Sheriff of Anne Arundel County will make a salary of \$54,025 in calendar 2000, \$55,540 in calendar 2001, and \$57,100 in calendar 2002. No provisions indicate what the salary will be in 2003. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office which, for the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, begins in 2003.

Background: The Anne Arundel County Office of the Sheriff serves criminal and civil warrants in the county and provides courtroom security in the county's circuit court. The office is responsible for the transport of adult detainees from detention centers to court and also for the transport of juvenile prisoners. The Sheriff's office also executes evictions, commits mentally ill patients, and supervises custody for hospitalized prisoners.

The salary of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County was last altered in 1997 (Chapter 340 of 1997) and took effect at the beginning of calendar 1999. At that time the annual salary was increased by about \$4,000.

State Expenditures: The fiscal 2001 State pension contribution for the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County is 5.71% of the Sheriff's salary. Assuming this percentage doesn't change and the Sheriff's salary increases by \$18,428 from calendar 2002 to 2003, annual State expenditures for the Sheriff's pension would increase by \$1,052. In the out-years, any county cost-of-living adjustments would result in additional funds from the State.

Local Expenditures: Currently, the high end of the pay scale for a captain in the Anne Arundel County Police Department is \$71,172. Assuming 2% cost-of-living adjustments each calendar year between now and 2003, the salary will be approximately \$75,528 by the time the legislation would take effect. This is an increase of \$18,428 over the \$57,100 that the Sheriff will make in calendar 2002. Anne Arundel County pays an additional 7.65% of the salary in FICA taxes, and with the salary increase, FICA payments would increase by approximately \$1,410. The county's total annual expenditure increase would be approximately \$19,838. Since the salary increase begins midway through fiscal 2003, only half of the increase would be accounted for in that fiscal year. Out-year cost-of-living adjustments made to Anne Arundel County's pay scale would result in additional increases to the Sheriff's salary and to county expenditures.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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