

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2000 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1005 (Prince George's County Delegation)

Judiciary

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**Crimes - Threats Against Local Officials**  
**PG 405-00**

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This bill expands the definition of "local official" to include appointed officials for purposes of the prohibition against threatening government officials.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not significantly impact governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** The bill would not significantly impact governmental operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A person may not knowingly and willfully make a threat to take the life of, kidnap, or inflict bodily harm upon a State or local official. A violator is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a maximum term of imprisonment of three years and/or a maximum fine of \$2,500. Local official is defined as an individual serving in a publicly elected office of a local government unit.

**State Fiscal Effect:** It is expected that any additional prosecutions that would result from the bill could be handled by the law enforcement, court, prison, and probation systems using existing budgeted resources.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** A similar bill was introduced during the 1999 session as SB 10. That bill passed the Senate, but received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Division of Correction), Prince George's County, Department of Legislative Services

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