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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 615 (Senator Conwav. *et al.*)

Finance

State Holiday - "Juneteenth"

This bill makes June 19 the legal State holiday of "Juneteenth" and makes "Juneteenth" a paid holiday for State employees of the State Personnel Management System.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Personnel expenditures (all funds) for overtime payments could increase significantly for State agencies with facilities that would remain open on Juneteenth.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There are currently 16 legal State holidays and 13 paid holidays for State employees. June 19 is neither a legal State holiday nor a paid holiday for State employees.

Background: "Juneteenth" celebrates the notification of June 19, 1865 to the last slaves, in the state of Texas, that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. It is a paid state holiday in Texas.

State Expenditures: In general, altering the number of paid holidays observed in any given year would not directly affect State expenditures because employees would be paid in any

event. There would be a decrease in productivity, but the fiscal impact of that decrease cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

For those agencies that must remain open despite the paid holiday, however, there will be an additional cost for overtime expenditures. For example, the Division of Correction would experience additional expenditures (general funds) of approximately \$1,140,000 due to increased overtime costs at 24-hour institutions. The Maryland Department of Transportation would experience additional expenditures of approximately \$210,000 due to increased overtime costs of its 24-hour operations. Other State agencies that operate 24-hour facilities or operations, such as the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Department of State Police, will experience similar increases in overtime expenditures.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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