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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 506 (Delegate C. Davis)

Judiciary

Baltimore City - School Police Force - Weapons

This bill authorizes a Baltimore City school police officer to carry a firearm on school premises during after-school events that start at or after the end of school hours. In addition, the bill provides that a Baltimore City school police officer cannot carry a firearm on school premises during school hours.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Altering the time period by which a Baltimore City school police officer can carry a firearm on school premises will not affect city finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A Baltimore City school police officer cannot carry a firearm on school premises from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on school days.

Background: The Baltimore City Public School System has 55 school-based police officers assigned to patrol the city's schools. These officers work from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The school system has 39 other police officers who patrol the remaining hours.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A similar bill was introduced at the 1999 session as HB 102. The bill received a favorable report by the House Ways and Means Committee and was approved by the full House. The bill was referred to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee where it received an unfavorable report.

Cross File: None.

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