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Senate Bill 357 (Senator Exum. *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

State Aid for Police Protection - Qualifying Municipality

This bill expands the definition of “qualifying municipality” under provisions governing the State Aid For Police Protection Fund. Specifically, the bill allows a qualifying municipality to be one whose “expenditures for police protection” exceeded \$80,000 for the prior fiscal year, and that employs at least two qualified part-time police officers. The current law manner of qualifying is not changed.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. State local aid amounts under the State Aid For Police Protection Fund are predetermined by statutory formulae, and this bill does not affect the amount of aid which would be allotted to each county nor the amount of overall aid provided statewide. Not including municipal sworn officer allocations (which are not affected by this bill), a total of \$57,091,694 is in the Governor’s FY 2001 budget allowance for distribution to the counties for police protection.

Local Effect: Local government distribution of aid under this program would change by unknown amounts.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The State provides regular and supplemental grants to local government police operations via the State Aid For Police Protection Fund. Qualifying municipalities share in this distribution of aid in accordance with various formulae under the provisions of Article 88B, § 66(b). This bill would not affect State allocations to qualifying municipalities under the Municipal Sworn Officer Allocation Program.

Background: Under provisions governing the operations of the State Aid For Police Protection Fund, qualifying municipalities receive such aid by receipt of: (1) a portion of the “share over the basic expenditure” to a county, calculated as a percentage of the total expenditures for police activities in a county divided by a municipality’s percentage share of that spending; (2) a portion of the “supplemental grant” to a county, calculated on a per capita basis; and (3) direct grants under the Municipal Sworn Officer Allocation Program, calculated by multiplying the number of full-time sworn officers working for the municipality by \$1,800. Not including unaffected municipal sworn officer allocations, a total of \$57,091,694 is in the Governor’s fiscal 2001 budget allowance for distribution to the counties for police protection. **Exhibit 1**, showing the county-by-county aid for fiscal 2001, is attached.

Local Fiscal Effect: It is unknown how many additional municipalities would qualify to receive a portion of allocations to subdivisions from the State Aid For Police Protection Fund under this bill.

By expanding, by an unknown amount, the number of qualifying municipalities in the State, this bill would affect the amount of the “share over the basic expenditure,” as well as “supplemental grants,” retained by each county and each qualifying municipality. However, without knowing the number of municipalities that would be added for any given county, and the populations of those municipalities as a share of total county population, the effect of the bill on local jurisdictions cannot be reliably estimated.

Although the magnitude of this effect is unknown, under this bill, counties would receive less of the apportionment of aid to the counties since it would have to be shared with a greater number of municipalities. Municipalities that now share in this allocation of State aid would also experience a reduction in aid allotments for the same reason.

Through a limited survey of local governments by the Department of Legislative Services, Anne Arundel, Kent, and Montgomery counties advise that this bill would have no fiscal impact on those counties. Prince George’s County advises that its police aid allocations could be affected.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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FY 2001 State Aid for Police Protection: Regular and Supplemental Grants

Counties	Share over Basic Expend. Grant	Minimum Grant	Incentive Grant	Additional Grant	Total Regular Grant	Supplemental Grant	Total
Allegany	\$247,450	\$110,711	\$141,400	\$70,700	\$570,261	\$176,750	\$747,011
Anne Arundel	3,849,600	0	0	481,200	4,330,800	1,203,000	5,533,800
Baltimore City	0	0	0	0	0	316,350	316,350
Baltimore County	6,696,075	0	0	723,900	7,419,975	1,809,750	9,229,725
Calvert	260,050	0	148,600	74,300	482,950	185,750	668,700
Caroline	104,300	0	59,600	29,800	193,700	74,500	268,200
Carroll	535,150	0	305,800	152,900	993,850	382,250	1,376,100
Cecil	293,300	0	167,600	83,800	544,700	209,500	754,200
Charles	420,000	0	240,000	120,000	780,000	300,000	1,080,000
Dorchester	104,300	0	59,600	29,800	193,700	74,500	268,200
Frederick	667,100	0	381,200	190,600	1,238,900	476,500	1,715,400
Garrett	0	73,000	58,400	29,200	160,600	73,000	233,600
Harford	762,650	0	435,800	217,900	1,416,350	544,750	1,961,100
Howard	1,934,400	0	0	241,800	2,176,200	604,500	2,780,700
Kent	66,500	0	38,000	19,000	123,500	47,500	171,000
Montgomery	10,389,225	0	0	1,038,923	11,428,148	2,120,250	13,548,398
Prince George's	9,599,100	0	0	959,910	10,559,010	1,959,000	12,518,010
Queen Anne's	141,400	0	80,800	40,400	262,600	101,000	363,600
St. Mary's	312,550	0	178,600	89,300	580,450	223,250	803,700
Somerset	0	61,000	48,800	24,400	134,200	61,000	195,200
Talbot	116,550	0	66,600	33,300	216,450	83,250	299,700
Washington	446,600	0	255,200	127,600	829,400	319,000	1,148,400
Wicomico	278,950	0	159,400	79,700	518,050	199,250	717,300
Worcester	152,950	0	87,400	43,700	284,050	109,250	393,300
TOTAL	\$37,378,200	\$244,711	\$2,912,800	\$4,902,133	\$45,437,844	\$11,653,850	\$57,091,694

NOTE: Table does not show the municipal officers grant.