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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1190 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Judiciary

Prince George's County - State's Attorney's Office - Composition and Salaries
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This bill sets the salary of the Prince George's County State's Attorney beginning with the next term of office in January 2003. The salary will be \$130,000 in calendar 2003, \$135,000 in calendar 2004, \$140,000 in calendar 2005, and \$142,000 in calendar 2006 and each subsequent year. Additionally, this proposed legislation increases: (1) the maximum salary of deputy State's Attorneys from \$97,000 to \$108,000; (2) the number of assistant State's Attorneys from 65 to 73; (3) the maximum salary of assistant State's attorneys from \$90,000 to \$100,000; and (4) the maximum salary of the administrative assistant of the State's Attorney from \$56,000 to \$59,000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County expenditures could increase by \$396,600 in FY 2002 if eight additional assistant State's attorneys are hired at entry level salaries, the two deputy State's attorneys receive the new maximum salary, four of the assistant State's attorneys receive raises to the new maximum salary, and the administrative assistant receives the full increase to the new maximum salary. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The annual salary for the Prince George's County State's Attorney is \$111,000 in calendar 2001 and \$114,300 in calendar 2002 and each subsequent year. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which begins in January 2003 for the State's Attorney of Prince George's County. The annual salary for deputy State's Attorneys is capped at \$97,000. The maximum number of assistant State's Attorneys is 65. The annual salary for assistant State's Attorneys is capped at \$90,000. The annual salary of the administrative assistant to the State's Attorney is capped at \$56,000.

Background: Legislation was enacted in 1999 (Chapter 461 of 1999) that increased the maximum salary of the deputy State's Attorneys from \$90,000 to \$97,000, the assistant State's Attorneys from \$81,000 to \$90,000, and the administrative assistant to the State's Attorney from \$52,000 to \$56,000.

Local Expenditures: Assuming both deputy State's Attorneys receive the maximum salary, Prince George's County expenditures would increase by \$21,120 including 28% for fringe benefits in fiscal 2002. On an annualized basis the increase would be \$28,160.

Assuming the four assistant State's Attorneys that are near the maximum cap who would receive the additional \$10,000 in salary, county expenditures would increase by \$38,400 including 28% for fringe benefits in fiscal 2002. On an annualized basis the increase would be \$51,200.

Assuming the eight additional State's Attorneys were hired at the entry level salary of approximately \$40,000, county expenditures would increase by \$307,200 including 28% for fringe benefits in fiscal 2002. On an annualized basis the increase would be \$409,600.

Assuming the administrative assistant would receive the maximum salary, county expenditures would increase by \$2,880 including fringe benefits in fiscal 2002. On an annualized basis the increase would be \$3,840.

The estimate is based on the following for nine months of fiscal 2002:

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| 2 Deputy State's Attorneys from \$97,000 to \$108,000 | \$ 21,120 |
| 4 Assistant State's Attorneys from \$90,000 to \$100,000 | 38,400 |
| 8 additional Assistant State's Attorneys at \$40,000 | 307,200 |
| 1 Administrative Assistant from \$56,000 to \$59,000 | <u>2,880</u> |
| Total | \$369,600 |

Fiscal 2003 increases would include the annualized costs as well as the higher salary of the State's Attorney increasing county expenditures to \$512,900

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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