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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 734 (Senator McFadden)
Judicial Proceedings

Baltimore City - Sheriff - Salary

This bill increases the salary of the Sheriff of Baltimore City from \$70,000 to \$89,000 beginning with the next term of office in January 2003.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: State retirement expenditures would increase by \$450 in FY 2003 and \$900 in FY 2004 and each year thereafter. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: Baltimore City expenditures would increase by \$9,500 in FY 2003 and by \$19,000 in FY 2004 and each year thereafter. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Sheriff of Baltimore City will be paid an annual salary of \$70,000 in calendar 2002 and each year thereafter. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which begins in January 2003 for the Sheriff of Baltimore City.

Background: The salary of the Sheriff of Baltimore City was last changed in 1999 (Chapter 369 of 1998). The Sheriff's salary was increased from \$56,000 to \$62,000 in calendar 1999, \$64,000 in calendar 2000, \$67,000 in calendar 2001, and \$70,000 in calendar 2002. The Baltimore City Sheriff's Office is primarily responsible for serving civil processes, providing court security, and transporting prisoners.

State Fiscal Effect: The State is responsible for making the retirement contributions for the Sheriff of Baltimore City. Based on the State's fiscal 2002 contribution rate of 4.73% of salary, expenditures would increase by \$450 in fiscal 2003, which reflects the State's contribution for six months in fiscal 2003. Future pension expenditures would be \$900 beginning in fiscal 2004.

Local Fiscal Effect: Baltimore City expenditures will increase by \$9,500 in fiscal 2003 for additional salary and by \$19,000 in fiscal 2004 and each year thereafter. Baltimore City assumes a flat amount of \$5,000 in fringe benefits. Since the Sheriff of Baltimore City is a current employee, fringe benefits are not altered.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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