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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 129 (Howard County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Judicial Proceedings

Howard County - Sheriff - Salary
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This bill increases the salary of the Sheriff of Howard County. Beginning in calendar 2003, the Sheriff's salary will increase from \$55,183 to \$62,000 and will increase by \$1,500 in each of the next three calendar years. The Sheriff's salary will be \$66,500 for calendar 2006 and each year thereafter.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: State expenditures for pension contributions would increase by \$200 in FY 2003 and by approximately \$500 in FY 2006. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	0	200	350	400	500
Net Effect	\$0	(\$200)	(\$350)	(\$400)	(\$500)

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: Howard County expenditures would increase by \$3,700 in FY 2003 and by \$12,200 in FY 2007. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The salary for the Sheriff of Howard County is \$55,183 for calendar 2002 and each year thereafter. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at

the beginning of their next term of office which, for the Sheriff of Howard County, begins in January 2003.

Background: The Howard County Sheriff's Office is responsible for: (1) the security of the circuit court; (2) service of process of writs, summonses, orders, petitions, subpoenas, warrants, orders to show cause, and other legal papers; and (3) other law enforcement duties as requested by law enforcement or other criminal justice agencies, the circuit court, or county government.

State Expenditures: The State is responsible for making the retirement contributions for the Howard County Sheriff. Based on the State's fiscal 2002 contribution rate of 4.73% of salary, expenditures would increase by \$161 in fiscal 2003 which reflects the January 2003 start date. Future expenditure increases for pension contributions would be \$358 in fiscal 2004, \$429 in fiscal 2005, and \$500 in fiscal 2006. These estimates assume that the State retirement contribution rate will remain constant. The current Howard County Sheriff is a retired State police officer and is part of the State Police Retirement System. If the current Howard County Sheriff is re-elected, the State would not incur these additional costs for fiscal 2003 through 2006.

Local Expenditures: Howard County expenditures will increase by \$3,669 in fiscal 2003 for additional salary and fringe benefits. Future year expenditures would increase by approximately \$8,100 in fiscal 2004, \$9,800 in fiscal 2005, \$11,400 in fiscal 2006, and \$12,200 in fiscal 2007. These estimates reflect both the salary adjustment and a 7.65% fringe benefit rate.

Additional Information

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