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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 630

(Delegate Walkup, *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Judicial Proceedings

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Kent County - Sheriff - Salary

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This bill increases the salary of the Sheriff of Kent County from \$45,000 to \$48,000 for calendar 2003. A \$2,000 annual salary increase is provided until the sheriff's salary is set at \$54,000 for calendar 2006 and each year thereafter.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Kent County expenditures would increase by \$1,900 in FY 2003 and by \$7,500 in FY 2007 and each year thereafter. Revenues would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** The Sheriff of Kent County is paid an annual salary of \$40,000. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office which is January 2003 for the Kent County Sheriff.

**Background:** The General Assembly approved legislation at the 2000 session (Chapter 203 of 2000) that increased the sheriff's salary from \$40,000 to \$45,000 beginning with calendar 2003. The bill also provided for annual increases of \$1,000 for calendar 2004, 2005, and 2006. Since salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which begins January 1, 2003 for the Sheriff of Kent County, the salary increase has not taken effect. The sheriff's salary remains at \$40,000 through December 2002.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Kent County expenditures would increase by \$1,875 in fiscal 2003 for additional salary (\$1,500) and fringe benefits (\$375), which accounts for the beginning of the next term in January 2003. This reflects salary adjustments for a six-month period (January 2003 – June 2003). Kent County expenditures will increase by \$4,375 in fiscal 2004, by \$5,625 in fiscal 2005, by \$6,875 in fiscal 2006, and by \$7,500 in fiscal 2007 and each year thereafter.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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