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**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 641

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

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**Prince George's County - Sheriffs - Criminal Investigations**  
**PG 302-02**

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This bill authorizes the Sheriff of Prince George's County or the sheriff's deputies to conduct criminal investigations in investigations arising out of or incident to normally assigned duties. In any investigation arising out of or incident to normally assigned duties, the sheriff or sheriff's deputy is required to immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the matter and must transfer the investigation to the appropriate law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the matter on request of the agency.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** It is assumed that any expansion of criminal investigations by the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department would be conducted within existing budgeted resources. Any additional resources required by the sheriff's department for future investigations would be subject to the normal budgetary processes and approvals in the county.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Criminal investigations by the Sheriff of Prince George's County are prohibited except: (1) in matters concerning the sheriff's department; (2) on request of

the courts; or (3) as necessary for the administration and enforcement of casino night permits as authorized by the county council.

**Background:** The Prince George's County Sheriff's Department has 100 sworn deputy sheriffs in fiscal 2002. The fiscal 2002 budget for the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department is \$17 million.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** An identical bill was introduced at the 2001 session as HB 1235. The bill received an unfavorable report by the House Judiciary Committee.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Prince George's County, Department of State Police, Department of Legislative Services

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