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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 643

(Prince George's County Delegation)

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Judicial Proceedings

Prince George's County Sheriff's Office - Compensation
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This bill increases the salary of the Sheriff of Prince George's County from \$92,000 to \$96,500 in calendar 2003 and calendar 2004 and increases the salary to \$101,000 in calendar 2005 and each subsequent year. The bill also increases the salary of the chief assistant sheriff from \$68,357 to \$71,091 and increases the salaries of the assistant sheriffs in Prince George's County from \$67,200 to \$69,888.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County expenditures would increase by \$13,000 in FY 2003. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Sheriff of Prince George's County is paid a salary of \$92,000, the chief assistant sheriff is paid a salary of \$68,357 and the three assistant sheriffs are paid salaries of \$67,200. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which begins January 2003 for the Sheriff of Prince George's County. Salaries for the chief assistant sheriff and three assistant sheriffs would be effective the date the bill becomes law.

Background: Although the county has its own police force, the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office performs many law enforcement functions. The office is responsible for serving criminal warrants and civil process and provides court security and custody services in the county's courts. The office also transports adult and juvenile prisoners and is responsible for the commitment of mentally ill patients. The Prince George's County Sheriff's Office has a budget of \$17.7 million in fiscal 2002; the Sheriff's Office has budgeted 160 sworn officers and 93 civilian positions for fiscal 2002.

The salary of the Sheriff was most recently increased pursuant to Chapter 269, Acts of 1998 and the salaries of the chief assistant sheriff and the assistant sheriffs were most recently increased pursuant to Chapter 547, Acts of 2001.

Local Fiscal Effect: Prince George's County expenditures would increase by \$13,030 including 25.5% for fringe benefits in fiscal 2003 due to the bill's October 1, 2002 effective date for the chief assistant sheriff's salary and the three assistant sheriffs' salaries and the January 1, 2003 effective date for the Sheriff of Prince George's County. Prince George's County expenditures would increase by \$19,260 in fiscal 2004, by \$22,100 in fiscal 2005, and by \$24,950 in fiscal 2006 and each subsequent year.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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