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House Bill 891

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Judicial Proceedings

Prince George's County - State's Attorney's Office - Composition and Salaries
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This bill increases: (1) the maximum salary of deputy State's attorneys from \$97,000 to \$108,000; (2) the number of assistant State's attorneys that may be appointed from 65 to 73; (3) the maximum salary of assistant State's attorneys from \$90,000 to \$100,000; and (4) the maximum salary of the administrative assistant of the State's Attorney from \$56,000 to \$59,000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County expenditures could increase by \$373,700 in FY 2004 and \$498,300 beginning in FY 2005. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Prince George's County, the maximum annual salary is set at \$97,000 for a deputy State's attorney, \$90,000 for an assistant State's attorney, and \$56,000 for the administrative assistant to the State's Attorney. The State's Attorney salary is set at \$119,900 in calendar 2003 and 2004 and \$125,500 beginning in calendar 2005. The State's Attorney can appoint two deputy State's attorneys and 65 assistant State's attorneys.

Background: Legislation was enacted in 1999 (Chapter 461 of 1999) that increased the maximum salary of the deputy State's attorneys from \$90,000 to \$97,000, the assistant State's attorneys from \$81,000 to \$90,000, and the administrative assistant to the State's Attorney from \$52,000 to \$56,000.

Local Fiscal Effect: Assuming both deputy State's attorneys receive the maximum salary, Prince George's County expenditures would increase by \$20,920 including 26.8% for fringe benefits in fiscal 2004. On an annualized basis the increase would be \$27,900.

Assuming the four assistant State's attorneys who are near the maximum salary level would receive the additional \$10,000 in salary, county expenditures would increase by \$38,040 including 26.8% for fringe benefits in fiscal 2004. On an annualized basis the increase would be \$50,720.

Assuming eight additional State's Attorneys are hired at the entry-level salary of approximately \$41,000, county expenditures would increase by \$311,930 including 26.8% for fringe benefits in fiscal 2004. On an annualized basis the increase would be \$415,900.

Assuming the administrative assistant would receive the maximum salary, county expenditures would increase by \$2,850 including 26.8% for fringe benefits in fiscal 2004. On an annualized basis the increase would be \$3,800.

The estimate is based on the following for nine months of fiscal 2004:

2 Deputy State's Attorneys from \$97,000 to \$108,000	\$20,920
4 Assistant State's Attorneys from \$90,000 to \$100,000	38,040
8 Additional Assistant State's Attorneys at \$41,000	311,930
1 Administrative Assistant from \$56,000 to \$59,000	<u>2,850</u>
Total	\$373,740

Annualized costs of \$498,320 would begin in fiscal 2005.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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