

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 339 (Delegate Harrison)

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**Baltimore City - Sheriff's Office - Appointed Positions**

This bill decreases from 17 to 16 the number of command staff deputy sheriff positions appointed by the Sheriff of Baltimore City by: (1) repealing the positions of administrative officer II sheriff and fiscal associate II sheriff; and (2) adding the position of assistant sheriff.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** State retirement expenditures would decrease by about \$8,200 annually beginning in FY 2006. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	0	0	(8,200)	(8,200)	(8,200)
Net Effect	\$0	\$0	\$8,200	\$8,200	\$8,200

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

**Local Effect:** Baltimore City expenditures would decrease by \$25,000 beginning in FY 2004. Revenues would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Sheriff of Baltimore City is authorized to appoint 100 deputy sheriffs. The Sheriff must appoint 17 deputy sheriffs in command, management, and administrative functions and may appoint 83 deputy sheriffs in operational and

enforcement functions. The 17 command positions are an undersheriff or chief deputy sheriff, two deputy sheriff majors, two deputy sheriff captains, four deputy sheriff lieutenants, four deputy sheriff sergeants, one administrative officer II sheriff, one secretary sheriff, one fiscal associate II sheriff, and one fiscal clerk sheriff.

**Background:** The Baltimore City Sheriff's Office is primarily responsible for serving civil processes, providing court security, and transporting prisoners.

**State Fiscal Effect:** The State is responsible for making the retirement contributions for deputy sheriffs in Baltimore City. Since these payments are based on the employee's salary base in the second prior year, State expenditures would not be affected until fiscal 2006. Based on a 35.13% contribution rate State expenditures could decrease by \$8,183 beginning in fiscal 2006.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Baltimore City advises that the salary for the newly created position of assistant sheriff would total \$55,219. The salaries for the two existing positions, administrative officer II sheriff and fiscal associate II sheriff, total \$43,461 and \$35,052, respectively. Accordingly, the city will realize a net savings of \$25,018 in salary and fringe benefit expenditures pursuant to this bill. The existing two positions are currently vacant.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

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