

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2004 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 361	(Delegate Elmore)
Environmental Matters	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Somerset County - County Commissioners - Expense Reimbursement**

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This bill increases to \$2,500 the total reimbursement amount that each member of the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners may receive each year for food and mileage expenses incurred during official duties.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Somerset County expenses would increase by \$3,750 in FY 2005 and by \$5,000 annually beginning in FY 2006.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The five members of the Somerset Board of County Commissioners are authorized to receive reimbursement not to exceed \$1,500 annually for food and mileage expenses incurred during official duties. The county commissioners are required to submit a reimbursement voucher signed by three of five commissioners for each excursion. The county commissioners receive a salary of \$6,000 annually.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Somerset County advises that each commissioner is expected to be reimbursed by the full increase in expense reimbursement authorized by this bill. Accordingly, due to the bill's October 1, 2004 effective date, Somerset County

expenditures will increase by \$3,750 in fiscal 2005. Expenditures will increase by \$5,000 beginning in fiscal 2006 when the increased reimbursements are annualized.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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