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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 134

(Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee)

(By Request – Departmental – General Services)

Judicial Proceedings

Judiciary

Criminal Procedure - Police Officers - Notification of Department of General Services

This departmental bill requires that police officers, when participating in an investigation or enforcement action on property owned, leased, operated, managed, patrolled by or under the control of the Department of General Services (DGS), notify the DGS Chief of Police, or the chief's designee.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2005.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. This requirement would not materially affect State finances.

Local Effect: None. Notification costs are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: DGS has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: A police officer may make arrests, conduct investigations, and enforce the laws of the State regardless of jurisdiction, when the following circumstances exist:

- participating in a joint investigation with other police officers, at least one of which has local jurisdiction;
- rendering assistance to another police officer;
- acting at the request of a police officer; or
- existence of an emergency.

However, the officer must notify the applicable chief of police when participating in an operation outside their jurisdiction.

The DGS Police Department is charged with protecting people and property on or about property owned by the department. Officers of the department must undergo training as defined by the Maryland Police Training Commission.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Washington County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Kent County, Worcester County, Department of General Services, Department of Legislative Services

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