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House Bill 1020

(Delegate Gordon, *et al.*)

Appropriations

Budget and Taxation

Public Safety - State Aid for Police Protection Fund - Municipal Sworn Officer Allocation

This bill alters the calculation of the State Aid for Police Protection Fund by increasing State funding from \$1,800 to \$2,000 per full-time sworn police officer employed by each qualifying municipality.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by approximately \$303,200 in FY 2007. Future year expenditures reflect the growth in the number of municipal police officers. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	303,200	306,200	309,900	312,400	315,500
Net Effect	(\$303,200)	(\$306,200)	(\$309,900)	(\$312,400)	(\$315,500)

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

Local Effect: State aid to municipalities would increase by \$303,200 in FY 2007 and by \$315,500 in FY 2011. Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Each qualifying municipality receives \$1,800 for each sworn police officer employed on a full-time basis. To qualify for grants, a municipality must have a minimum expenditure for police protection of \$5,000 annually and employ at least one qualified full-time police officer or have a minimum expenditure for police protection of \$80,000 annually and employ at least two qualified part-time officers from a county police department or county sheriff's department. For purposes of the police aid formula, Baltimore City is not considered a municipality.

Background: State grants are provided to counties and qualifying municipalities for the exclusive purpose of providing adequate police protection under the State Aid for Police Protection Fund, which was established in 1967. The program is commonly known as the police aid formula. In fiscal 2007, State funding for this program will total \$64.9 million. Municipalities receive approximately 18.6% of total police aid and are expected to receive \$11.9 million in police aid in fiscal 2006 and \$12.1 million in fiscal 2007.

Local governments spent approximately \$1.1 billion on police protection in fiscal 2004. County governments accounted for 62.3% of these expenditures, Baltimore City accounted for 25.8%, and municipal governments accounted for 11.9%.

Baltimore City was excluded from the police aid formula beginning in fiscal 1992 when the State assumed the responsibility of operating and funding the Baltimore City Detention Center. In fiscal 1995, the State established a central booking facility for the city. State funding for the Baltimore City Detention Center and Central Booking Facility will total \$120.8 million in fiscal 2007. Legislation was enacted that enables Baltimore City to receive a \$0.50 per capita grant for police aid beginning in fiscal 1997.

The municipal sworn police officer allocation was last changed by Chapter 444 of 1999, when it increased from \$1,200 to \$1,800. There are 1,516 full-time sworn police officers employed by municipalities, as advised by the Department of Budget and Management. **Exhibit 1** shows the number of full-time sworn police officers employed by municipalities in each county. There are 156 municipalities in Maryland. Baltimore and Howard counties are the only counties in Maryland that do not have municipalities.

State Fiscal Effect: State general fund expenditures would increase by \$600 for each full-time sworn police officer employed by a qualifying municipality. Based on the number of sworn police officers employed by municipalities in fiscal 2006, State expenditures could increase by \$303,200 in fiscal 2007 as shown in Exhibit 1. Assuming a 1% annual increase in the number of municipal police officers, State expenditures could increase by \$306,232 in fiscal 2008 and by \$315,511 in fiscal 2011. **Exhibit 2** shows the

total amount of State funding in fiscal 2007 under the State Aid for Police Protection Fund.

Exhibit 1
Increase in State Aid for Police Protection – Municipal Grants
Fiscal 2007

County	Number of Sworn Officers	\$1,800 per Officer Allocation	\$2,000 per Officer Allocation	Increased State Aid
Allegany	69	\$124,200	\$138,000	\$13,800
Anne Arundel	116	208,800	232,000	\$23,200
Baltimore City	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Baltimore	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Calvert	8	14,400	16,000	1,600
Caroline	27	48,600	54,000	5,400
Carroll	71	127,800	142,000	14,200
Cecil	40	72,000	80,000	8,000
Charles	10	18,000	20,000	2,000
Dorchester	51	91,800	102,000	10,200
Frederick	156	280,800	312,000	31,200
Garrett	5	9,000	10,000	1,000
Harford	96	172,800	192,000	19,200
Howard	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kent	17	30,600	34,000	3,400
Montgomery	137	246,600	274,000	27,400
Prince George's	280	504,000	560,000	56,000
Queen Anne's	7	12,600	14,000	1,400
St. Mary's	1	1,800	2,000	200
Somerset	22	39,600	44,000	4,400
Talbot	59	106,200	118,000	11,800
Washington	107	192,600	214,000	21,400
Wicomico	105	189,000	210,000	21,000
Worcester	132	237,600	264,000	26,400
Total	1,516	\$2,728,800	\$3,032,000	\$303,200

Exhibit 2
State Aid for Police Protection in Fiscal 2007

County	Population	Aid Amount	Per Capita Aid Amount
Allegany	73,871	\$870,650	\$11.79
Anne Arundel	508,572	6,651,544	13.08
Baltimore City ¹	636,251	87,764	0.14
Baltimore	780,821	9,750,338	12.49
Calvert	86,474	776,999	8.99
Caroline	31,058	320,172	10.31
Carroll	166,159	1,581,402	9.52
Cecil	95,526	907,634	9.50
Charles	135,807	1,214,688	8.94
Dorchester	30,912	356,451	11.53
Frederick	217,653	2,229,670	10.24
Garrett	30,124	238,420	7.91
Harford	235,594	2,695,398	11.44
Howard	266,738	3,087,727	11.58
Kent	19,582	202,138	10.32
Montgomery	921,690	15,025,983	16.30
Prince George's	842,967	13,977,982	16.58
Queen Anne's	45,078	402,486	8.93
St. Mary's	94,921	820,778	8.65
Somerset	25,863	243,041	9.40
Talbot	35,017	403,417	11.52
Washington	139,624	1,387,437	9.94
Wicomico	88,782	962,109	10.84
Worcester	48,974	667,675	13.63
Total	5,558,058	\$64,861,903	\$11.67

¹State funding for the Baltimore City Detention Center and Central Booking Facility will total \$120.8 million in fiscal 2007. Baltimore City's share of police aid is reduced to reflect the additional State cost for these city facilities.

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Additional Information

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