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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
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Senate Bill 642

(Senator Lawlah, *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

Appropriations

**State Aid for Police Protection - Supplemental Grants**

This bill alters the calculation of the State Aid for Police Protection Fund by increasing State funding to subdivisions bordering the District of Columbia by an amount equal to \$0.50 for each person living in Maryland within one mile of the border between Maryland and the District of Columbia.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Based on the population of Maryland residents living within one mile of the State border with the District of Columbia, general fund expenditures would increase by approximately \$83,300 in FY 2008 through 2011. 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	0	83,300	83,300	83,300	83,300
Net Effect	\$0	(\$83,300)	(\$83,300)	(\$83,300)	(\$83,300)

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

**Local Effect:** State aid to Montgomery and Prince George’s counties would increase by approximately \$83,300 in FY 2008. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

**Analysis**

**Current Law:** None of the components used to determine the amount of funds distributed to local jurisdictions through the State Aid for Police Protection Fund reflect

the population living within a certain distance of the border between the State and the District of Columbia. For the purposes of calculating State aid for police protection, subdivision means any county, but does not include Baltimore City.

**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. **Exhibit 1** shows State aid for police protection each county will receive 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.

**State Fiscal Effect:** State general fund expenditures could increase by \$83,297 beginning in fiscal 2008. Montgomery and Prince George's counties are the only Maryland subdivisions that border the District of Columbia. As of the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 67,040 Montgomery County residents and 99,554 Prince George's County residents living within one mile of the border with the District of Columbia. Based on this data, Montgomery County would receive \$33,520 and Prince George's County would receive \$49,777 beginning in fiscal 2008 as shown in **Exhibit 2**. This estimate is based on data from the 2000 Census compiled by the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) from census blocks lying wholly or partially within one mile of the border of the District of Columbia.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**State Aid for Police Protection in Fiscal 2007**

<b>County</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Aid Amount</b>	<b>Per Capita Aid Amount</b>
Allegany	73,871	\$870,650	\$11.79
Anne Arundel	508,572	6,651,544	13.08
Baltimore City <sup>1</sup>	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,558,058</b>	<b>\$64,861,903</b>	<b>\$11.67</b>

<sup>1</sup>State 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.

Source: Department of Legislative Services

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**Exhibit 2**  
**Increase in State Aid for Grants for Police Protection**  
**Fiscal 2008**

<u>County</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Increased State Aid</u>
Montgomery	67,040	\$33,520
Prince George's	<u>99,554</u>	<u>49,777</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>166,594</b>	<b>\$83,297</b>

Note: The population represents the number of county residents living within a census block lying wholly or partially within one mile of the State border with the District of Columbia as compiled from the 2000 U.S. Census by MDP.

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**Additional Comments:** MDP advises that the data which is used to determine the population living within one mile of the District of Columbia border is compiled from census blocks. A census block is the smallest geographical unit for which data are maintained by the U.S. Census Bureau, and they can vary in size. Census block-level data is available only when each decennial census is released. Thus, a supplemental grant to Montgomery and Prince George's counties based on this data would be updated once every 10 years.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 1115 is identified as a cross file, but the bills are not identical, as introduced

**Information Source(s):** State Department of Assessments and Taxation, Department of Budget and Management, Maryland Department of Planning, Department of State Police, Frederick County, Harford County, Prince George's County, Washington County, Worcester County, Department of Legislative Services

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