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(Prince George's County Delegation)

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Prince George's County - Office of the Sheriff - Salary and Expenses
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This bill increases the annual salary of the Prince George's County Sheriff from \$101,000 to \$118,000 in calendar 2007 and by 4% annually until the sheriff's salary reaches \$132,734 in calendar 2010. The bill also increases the sheriff's annual expense allowance from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and increases the annual expense allowance for each of the four full-time assistant sheriffs from \$1,500 to \$2,500.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County personnel expenditures would increase by approximately \$12,200 in FY 2007 and by \$45,500 in FY 2011 for increased salary and fringe benefits for the Prince George's County Sheriff. In addition, annual expenditures could increase by \$6,500 beginning in FY 2007 for increased expense allowances for the sheriff and the assistant sheriffs. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The salary of the Prince George's County Sheriff is \$101,000 for calendar 2005 and each subsequent year. Salary adjustments for local officials take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which is January 2007 for the Prince George's

County Sheriff. The sheriff is provided with an annual expense allowance of up to \$2,500.

The Prince George's County Sheriff is authorized to appoint four full-time assistant sheriffs, who serve at the sheriff's pleasure. Each assistant sheriff is provided with an annual expense allowance of up to \$1,500.

Background: The salary of the Prince George's County Sheriff was last adjusted by Chapter 233 of 2002 when it was increased from \$92,000 to \$96,500 for calendar 2003 and 2004 and to \$101,000 for calendar 2005 and each subsequent year. **Exhibit 1** shows the salaries for sheriffs in selected counties.

Exhibit 1
Sheriffs' Salaries for Washington Metropolitan Area Counties
Fiscal 2005 Actuals

| <u>County</u> | <u>Population</u> | <u>Sheriff's Salary</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Anne Arundel | 508,572 | \$88,121 |
| Calvert | 86,474 | 62,000 |
| Charles | 135,807 | 106,879 |
| Frederick | 217,653 | 79,999 |
| Howard | 266,738 | 63,500 |
| Montgomery | 921,690 | 105,078 |
| Prince George's | 842,967 | 96,500 |

Note: The salary of the Prince George's County Sheriff increased to \$101,000 beginning in calendar 2005.

Source: *Compensation Survey of Maryland Local Governments, FY 2005*, Institute for Governmental Service, University of Maryland

Local Fiscal Effect: Prince George's County fiscal 2007 personnel expenditures would increase by \$12,181 for increased salary (\$8,500) and fringe benefits (\$3,681) for the sheriff, reflecting the six-month period from January through June 2007. County personnel expenditures would increase by \$45,475 beginning in fiscal 2011 for increased salary (\$31,734) and fringe benefits (\$13,741). This estimate assumes a constant 43.3% employer contribution rate for fringe benefits as advised by the county. **Exhibit 2** shows the annual increase in the compensation of the Prince George's County Sheriff for fiscal 2007 through 2011.

Exhibit 2
Annual Increase in Prince George's County Sheriff's Compensation
Fiscal 2007-2011

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Salary Increase</u> | <u>Fringe Benefits</u> | <u>Total Increase</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2007 | \$8,500 | \$3,681 | \$12,181 |
| 2008 | 19,360 | 8,383 | 27,743 |
| 2009 | 24,175 | 10,468 | 34,642 |
| 2010 | 29,182 | 12,636 | 41,817 |
| 2011 | 31,734 | 13,741 | 45,475 |

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Assuming that the sheriff and the four assistant sheriffs consume all of their expense allowances, beginning in fiscal 2007 Prince George's County expenditures could increase by \$6,500 for increased annual expense allowances for the sheriff (\$2,500) and each of the four assistant sheriffs (\$1,000 each).

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Prince George's County; *Compensation Survey of Maryland Local Governments, FY 2005*, Institute for Governmental Service, University of Maryland; Department of Legislative Services

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