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Senate Bill 507 (Senator Rosapepe)  
 Budget and Taxation

State Aid for Police Protection - Grants

This bill alters the calculation of the State Aid for Police Protection Fund (police aid formula) by providing a supplemental grant of \$20 per capita to any municipality that contains a higher education institution with a full-time undergraduate enrollment of at least 20,000 students on its principal campus. In order to receive the supplemental grant, a municipality must provide matching funds for police protection.

Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures would increase by \$548,200 in FY 2009. Future year expenditures reflect population increases for the City of College Park. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	548,200	550,900	553,700	556,500	559,200
Net Effect	(\$548,200)	(\$550,900)	(\$553,700)	(\$556,500)	(\$559,200)

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

**Local Effect:** State aid to the City of College Park would increase by \$548,200 in FY 2009 and by \$559,200 in FY 2013. City expenditures for police protection would increase by the same amount.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

## Analysis

**Current Law:** Additional State funding under the police aid formula is not provided to a municipality containing a higher education institution.

Legislation enacted in 2006 requires the State to provide a supplemental grant to subdivisions bordering the District of Columbia (Montgomery and Prince George's counties) 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.

**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 2009, State funding for this program will total \$66.4 million. **Exhibit 1** shows the fiscal 2009 total State Aid for Police Protection distribution by county.

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. The proposed fiscal 2009 State budget includes \$138.5 million in State funding for the Baltimore City Detention Center and Central Booking Facility. 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:** The only qualifying municipality in the State that contains an institution of higher education with a full-time enrollment of at least 20,000 students on its principal campus is the City of College Park. It is estimated that there are 23,780 full-time undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP). The City of College Park has a population of 27,410. City expenditures for police protection are budgeted at \$550,000 in fiscal 2008, of which \$75,000 comes from the police aid formula.

State expenditures for police aid would increase by \$548,200 in fiscal 2009 and by \$559,200 in fiscal 2013. This estimate assumes a 0.5% annual increase in the city's population and that the city continues to provide matching funds.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** City of College Park revenues from the police aid formula would increase by \$548,200 in fiscal 2009 and could increase by \$559,200 in fiscal 2013.

Expenditures for police protection would increase by the same amount to provide matching funds. The City of College Park advises that the additional expenditures in police protection would be used to increase the number of full-time police officers employed by the city.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** HB 1190 of 2007, a similar bill, was assigned to the House Appropriations Committee but was withdrawn.

**Cross File:** HB 1292 (Delegate Barnes, *et al.*) – Appropriations.

**Information Source(s):** City of College Park, University System of Maryland, Maryland Higher Education Commission, Department of Budget and Management, Department of Legislative Services

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**Exhibit 1**  
**Total State Aid for Police Protection in Fiscal 2009**

<b>County</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Aid Amount</b>	<b>Per Capita Aid Amount</b>
Allegany	72,831	\$874,391	\$12.01
Anne Arundel	509,300	6,702,278	13.16
Baltimore City	631,366	83,463	0.13
Baltimore	787,384	9,793,502	12.44
Calvert	88,804	796,564	8.97
Caroline	32,617	346,253	10.62
Carroll	170,260	1,618,776	9.51
Cecil	99,506	960,707	9.65
Charles	140,416	1,241,463	8.84
Dorchester	31,631	383,779	12.13
Frederick	222,938	2,311,667	10.37
Garrett	29,859	239,675	8.03
Harford	241,402	2,758,763	11.43
Howard	272,452	3,498,038	12.84
Kent	19,983	202,770	10.15
Montgomery	932,131	15,264,745	16.38
Prince George's	841,315	14,254,203	16.94
Queen Anne's	46,241	411,599	8.90
St. Mary's	98,854	851,007	8.61
Somerset	25,774	250,994	9.74
Talbot	36,062	409,177	11.35
Washington	143,748	1,461,509	10.17
Wicomico	91,987	1,011,301	10.99
Worcester	48,866	709,343	14.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,615,727</b>	<b>\$66,435,967</b>	<b>\$11.83</b>

Note: State funding for the Baltimore City Detention Center and Central Booking Facility is expected to total \$138.5 million in fiscal 2009 or \$219.38 per city resident.