

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 429

(Caroline County Delegation)

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**Caroline County - Sheriff's Salary**

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This bill increases the annual salary of the Caroline County Sheriff from \$65,000 to \$80,000, beginning with the next term of office.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Caroline County expenditures increase by \$12,900 in FY 2011 and by \$22,800 annually beginning in FY 2012. Revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The current annual salary of the Caroline County Sheriff is \$65,000. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which is December 7, 2010, for the Caroline County Sheriff.

**Background:** The salary of the Caroline County Sheriff was last changed by Chapter 527 of 2005, when it increased from \$55,000 to \$65,000. **Exhibit 1** shows the actual fiscal 2008 salaries for sheriffs in Eastern Shore counties.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**Sheriffs' Salaries for Eastern Shore Counties**  
**Fiscal 2008 Actuals**

<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>2007 Population</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Caroline	32,910	\$65,000
Cecil	99,695	66,500
Dorchester	31,846	64,500
Kent	19,987	66,500
Queen Anne's	46,571	53,000
Somerset	26,016	60,000
Talbot	36,193	76,500
Wicomico	93,600	85,000
Worcester	49,374	85,000
<b>Average</b>	<b>48,466</b>	<b>\$69,111</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and *Salary Survey of Maryland County Government, Fiscal 2008*, Maryland Association of Counties

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**Local Fiscal Effect:** Caroline County personnel expenditures increase by \$12,868 in fiscal 2011 for salary (\$8,466) and fringe benefits (\$4,402). This reflects the December 7, 2010, start date for the next term of office. Annualized expenditures increase by \$22,800 for salary (\$15,000) and fringe benefits (\$7,800) beginning in fiscal 2012. This assumes a constant fringe benefits rate of 52% as advised by the county.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None, however, Senate Bill 22 is identical.

**Information Source(s):** Caroline County, Department of Legislative Services

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