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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
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House Bill 1089

(Calvert County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Calvert County - Appointment of Assistant Sheriff - Candidates**

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This bill requires the Calvert County Sheriff to appoint an individual to serve as assistant sheriff who is an active duty deputy sheriff and holds the rank of a commissioned officer in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office; or an individual who is not a current employee of the Sheriff's Office. The Calvert County Sheriff is authorized to appoint the assistant sheriff without subjecting the candidate to a written examination. The bill specifies that the assistant sheriff serves at the pleasure of the sheriff. The bill also establishes the salary and merit status of the assistant sheriff based on the position the assistant sheriff held immediately before appointment.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not expected to materially affect Calvert County operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** The bill specifies that if the assistant sheriff was an active duty deputy sheriff in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office immediately before appointment, the assistant sheriff must (1) receive an annual salary that does not exceed by more than 6% the salary of the highest ranking officer in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office; (2) retain merit status; and (3) be permitted to return to the previous rank the assistant sheriff held prior to appointment, including any cost-of-living adjustments and salary step increases

the assistant sheriff would have received if the deputy sheriff had not been appointed assistant sheriff at the end of an appointment.

If the assistant sheriff was not an employee of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office immediately before appointment, the assistant sheriff (1) must receive an annual salary that is established through a mutual agreement between the sheriff and the Calvert County Commissioners; (2) must be afforded all the benefits available to full-time employees in the sheriff's office; and (3) may not be given merit status.

**Current Law:** The Calvert County Sheriff may appoint one full-time assistant sheriff who must serve under the direction of the Sheriff; and be designated by the Sheriff as a line officer.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** The bill allows an assistant sheriff who is an active duty deputy sheriff to retain his or her previous rank at the end of the appointment to assistant sheriff. The bill is not expected to materially affect Calvert County finances or operations.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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