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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
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Senate Bill 833

(Prince George's County Senators)

Budget and Taxation

Appropriations

**Prince George’s County Violence Interrupter Support Program Fund**

This bill establishes the Prince George’s County Violence Interrupter Support Program Fund, a special, nonlapsing fund, to provide funding for violence interrupter support programs that use community-based efforts to reduce incidents of violence in Prince George’s County. The Office of the County Executive for Prince George’s County must administer the fund. For fiscal 2025 through 2028, the Governor may include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1.0 million to the fund.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** No effect in FY 2024. Although State funding is not mandated, general fund expenditures are assumed to increase by \$1.0 million annually from FY 2025 through 2028, as discussed below. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Net Effect	\$0	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)

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

**Local Effect:** Prince George’s County revenues and expenditures are assumed to increase by \$1.0 million annually from FY 2025 through 2028, as discussed below.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

## Analysis

**Bill Summary:** The fund consists of money appropriated in the State budget to the fund, interest earnings and any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the fund. Expenditures from the fund may be made only in accordance with the State budget, and money expended from the fund for the program is supplemental to and is not intended to take the place of funding that otherwise would be appropriated for violence interrupter support programs in Prince George's County.

The fund may be used for (1) providing essential services and resources to individuals in the county, as specified; (2) personal case management; (3) workforce development; (4) science-, technology-, engineering-, art-, and math-based instructional activities; (5) mental and behavioral health counseling services; (6) financial literacy programs; (7) hospital-based violence intervention programs; and (8) juvenile reentry, academic enrichment, junior workforce academy, and teenpreneur workshops.

**Current Law:** The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOCPYVS) plans, promotes, and funds efforts with government entities, private organizations, and the community to advance public policy, enhance public safety, reduce crime and juvenile delinquency, and serve victims.

Chapter 738 of 2019 established the Markell Hendricks Youth Crime Prevention and Diversion Parole Fund, administered by the Executive Director of GOCPYVS, to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies to administer a diversion program for juveniles, as specified, or a youth engagement program or event in a high-crime area. The Governor must annually appropriate at least \$50,000 for the fund. The fiscal 2024 budget as introduced includes \$50,000 for the fund.

The fund may only be used to provide grant assistance to local law enforcement agencies to administer a diversion program for juveniles, as specified, or a youth engagement program or event in a high-crime area. Priority for grant funding must be given to those jurisdictions with the highest number of offenders. A local law enforcement agency that applies for a grant from the fund must provide the executive director with any information the executive director deems necessary.

In addition to the Markell Hendricks Youth Crime Prevention and Diversion Parole Fund, the State provides regular and supplemental grants to local government police operations through various programs and funds administered by GOCPYVS. The Local Law Enforcement Grants, administered by GOCPYVS, support enforcement, prevention, and victim services, especially at the local level. The fiscal 2024 budget as introduced includes, as part of the Local Law Enforcement Grants, \$1.21 million for the Prince George's County

Drug Grant, \$1.15 million for the Prince George’s County State’s Attorney’s Office, and \$2.29 million for the Prince George’s County Violent Crime Grant.

**State Expenditures:** The bill specifies that for fiscal 2025 through 2028, the Governor *may* include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1.0 million to the fund. Although such funding is not mandated, this analysis assumes that an annual appropriation of \$1.0 million is provided to the fund in those years. Thus, general fund expenditures increase by \$1.0 million annually from fiscal 2025 through 2028. It is additionally assumed that the State appropriates the funds in the form of a grant to Prince George’s County. Because the fund is administered at the local level, no additional State expenditures are incurred beyond the appropriation provided to the fund.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Although State funding under the bill is not mandated, as noted above, this analysis assumes that an annual appropriation of \$1.0 million is provided to the fund in fiscal 2025 through 2028. Thus, Prince George’s County revenues increase by \$1.0 million annually from fiscal 2025 through 2028 for the Prince George’s County Violence Interrupter Support Program Fund; county expenditures increase correspondingly for the fund’s purposes as authorized by the bill. The Office of the County Executive for Prince George’s County can administer the fund with existing staff.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Prince George’s County; Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; Department of Budget and Management; Department of Legislative Services

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