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Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 486

(Senators McCray and Carter)

Judicial Proceedings

Judiciary

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**Baltimore City Sheriff – Staffing**

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This bill increases, from one to three, the number of assistant sheriffs that must be appointed by the Baltimore City Sheriff. The bill also specifically authorizes the Sheriff to appoint up to four social workers and authorizes the Sheriff to appoint any additional sworn or civilian personnel that are funded by the Sheriff's operating budget or by any other funding source.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Baltimore City finances, as discussed below.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Baltimore City Sheriff must appoint specified employees, including an undersheriff or chief deputy sheriff, one assistant sheriff, three deputy sheriff majors, three deputy sheriff captains, six deputy sheriff lieutenants, one secretary sheriff, and one fiscal clerk sheriff. The sheriff may appoint up to a maximum of (1) nine deputy sheriff sergeants; (2) 103 deputy sheriffs; (3) two domestic violence clerks; and (4) two domestic violence advocates.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Although the bill *requires* the appointment of two additional assistant sheriffs and *authorizes* the appointment of additional personnel, Baltimore City advises

that the bill has no fiscal impact. Accordingly, for purposes of this analysis, it is assumed that any associated expenditures are accommodated using existing budgeted resources of the Sheriff's Office, without requiring additional funding from Baltimore City that is attributable to any new positions created as a result of the bill.

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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):** Baltimore City; Department of Legislative Services

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