

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Enrolled - Revised

House Bill 11
Judiciary

(Delegate Simmons)

Judicial Proceedings

Anne Arundel County - Sheriff - Appointment of Majors

This bill authorizes the Anne Arundel County Sheriff to appoint three majors who serve at the pleasure of the sheriff at a salary to be determined by the Anne Arundel County Council.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County expenditures may increase by as much as \$822,300 in FY 2027 and by at least \$730,000 annually thereafter, as discussed below. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Sheriff of Anne Arundel County is required to appoint deputies at a salary provided by the Anne Arundel County Council. Additionally, the sheriff is authorized to appoint a chief deputy who serves at the discretion of the sheriff.

Local Expenditures: Because the bill is authorizing in nature, the ultimate impact on Anne Arundel County expenditures depends on action taken by the county.

According to information provided by the county and *for illustrative purposes only*, expenditures associated with the potential appointment of three majors are approximately

\$822,275 in fiscal 2027, which accounts for the bill's October 1, 2026 effective date. This estimate includes salaries for the newly appointed majors authorized by the bill (estimated at approximately \$142,000 annually) and benefits, as well as one-time start-up costs and ongoing operating expenses related to uniforms, vehicles, and other equipment. Future year expenditures generally reflect full salaries with annual increases, as well as annual increases in ongoing operating expenses. Although the bill's authorization could be accomplished while maintaining the existing number of staff at the sheriff's office, this example reflects the county's assumption that the appointment of new positions authorized under the bill would result in an overall expansion of staff within the sheriff's office.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: SB 397 (Anne Arundel County Senators) - Judicial Proceedings.

Information Source(s): Anne Arundel County; Department of Legislative Services

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