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SB 965 Carroll County – Sheriff - Salary

Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

As amended, Senate Bill 965 would raise the Carroll County's Sheriff salary following the next election, beginning on the day the next Sheriff takes the oath of office.

The Carroll County Sheriff's office is the primary law enforcement department for the entire county and has significant responsibilities not just in our small towns without police departments but is a major collaborator with municipal departments who - with the exception of Westminster's medium size department - are very small. Carroll, Harford, Charles along with Frederick County fall into a bit of a donut hole where our sheriff's departments are primary law enforcement officers, responsible for securing the courts, serving warrants, transporting prisoners, and managing the county jail which is really a major part of the job.

The Carroll County Sheriff salary has not been increased since 2018 - if we pass this bill, it will rise to \$191,000 at the start of the term of the new sheriff elected in 2026 and raising it to \$212,309 the following year. This rise takes into account missing increase from pandemic era.

The Carroll County Delegation requests a favorable on Senate Bill 965.