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House Bill 433
Judiciary

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Judicial Proceedings

Prince George's County - Office of the Sheriff - Deputy Sheriffs and Labor
Organizations
PG 308-23

This bill increases, from four to five, the number of full-time assistant sheriffs provided to the Sheriff of Prince George's County. The bill also makes technical changes by replacing obsolete references. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County expenditures increase by approximately \$331,600 annually beginning in FY 2024. County revenues are not affected. **This bill imposes a mandate on a unit of local government.**

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Pursuant to statute, the Prince George's County Sheriff is provided with four full-time assistant sheriffs.

Section 2-330 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article establishes the duties of the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office to include, among other duties, the service of process, the transportation of all legally detained persons, the security of all State and county courts, and arrest powers.

Statute establishes that duties also include specific duties as authorized by the county council, including responding to domestic violence calls; such duties must be enumerated in a memorandum of understanding entered into between the Prince George's County Police Department and the sheriff's office, which may be revised only by the county council. In addition, the sheriff's office may investigate any matter germane to these duties.

Local Expenditures: The bill adds one assistant sheriff in Prince George's County. Accordingly, Prince George's County expenditures increase by approximately \$331,600 annually beginning in fiscal 2024, which accounts for the bill's July 1, 2023 effective date. This estimate is based on the current salary of an assistant sheriff (\$190,346, as provided by the county) and includes fringe benefits but does not account for future merit or cost-of-living adjustments that may be applicable.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: SB 191 (Senator Jackson) - Judicial Proceedings.

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