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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 680

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

Prince George's County - Sheriff and Sheriff's Deputies - Alteration of Duties
PG 310-07

This bill alters the duties of the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office to include responding to domestic violence calls, acting as school resource deputies in county schools, and providing security for a county public school sporting event or extracurricular activity. In addition, the sheriff's office may investigate any matter germane to the duties authorized by the bill. The additional duties authorized by the bill must be enumerated by a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Prince George's County Police Department and the sheriff's office, which may be revised only by the county's governing body. The MOU is effective until September 30, 2010.

The bill takes effect October 1, 2007 and terminates September 30, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Altering the duties of Prince George's County Sheriff's Office would not materially impact county finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Prince George's County Sheriff's office is authorized to:

- make arrests;
- serve all writs, summonses, orders, petitions, subpoenas, warrants, rules to show cause, and all other legal papers;
- supervise prisoners at any of the county detention centers, hospitals, penal institution, and other places of confinement;
- secure all State and county courts and perform such duties required of them by the courts;
- transport all legally detained prisoners; and
- enforce casino night permits as authorized by the county's governing body.

Generally, the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office may not conduct criminal investigations, except in matters concerning the sheriff's office; on request of the courts; as necessary for enforcing casino night permits; or in matters arising out of normally assigned duties.

Background: Prince George's County advises that deputy sheriffs already perform the duties specified in the bill, thus the bill just codifies those duties.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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