

State Impact

Total cost to local sheriffs for bailiff services for the State trial courts (District and Juvenile) is approximately \$4.1 million. Currently, the State pays \$2,216,000 for bailiff services for the District Courts only. Adding the Juvenile Court would cost approximately \$1.9 million. This bill requires the Courts to calculate the total cost of providing bailiff and security officers for juvenile courts and request an appropriation each year starting in FY 2004, increasing the request 25 percent or \$475,000 General Fund until full funding is acquired. However, the statute indicates the contract amount shall not exceed amounts appropriated by the Legislature. Therefore, no new State funds are mandated.

Individual and Business Impact

The bill mandates bailiff services for courts of record (District and Juvenile). If fully funded, the local sheriff's offices would have their District and Juvenile Court bailiff and security costs covered. If funding continues at the current level, the local governments would not be reimbursed for services costing approximately \$1.9 million. These costs would continue to be covered from local government revenues.
