



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 680**

*January Session, 2003*

House Bill No. 6717

*House of Representatives, May 13, 2003*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION AND THE STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The Chief Court  
2 Administrator shall review the functions and activities of the Judicial  
3 Department in order to assign priority for the continued funding of  
4 such functions and activities and shall submit findings, including any  
5 recommendation for legislation to modify such functions and  
6 activities, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
7 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the  
8 budgets of state agencies not later than January 1, 2004, and annually  
9 thereafter.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The Chief State's Attorney shall  
11 review the functions and activities of the Division of Criminal Justice  
12 in order to assign priority for the continued funding of such functions

13 and activities and shall submit findings, including any  
 14 recommendation for legislation to modify such functions and  
 15 activities, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
 16 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the  
 17 budgets of state agencies not later than January 1, 2004, and annually  
 18 thereafter.

19 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The Chief Public Defender shall  
 20 review the functions and activities of the Public Defender Services  
 21 Commission in order to assign priority for the continued funding of  
 22 such functions and activities and shall submit findings, including any  
 23 recommendation for legislation to modify such functions and  
 24 activities, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
 25 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the  
 26 budgets of state agencies not later than January 1, 2004, and annually  
 27 thereafter.

28 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The chairperson of the State  
 29 Marshal Commission shall review the activities of the commission in  
 30 order to assign priority for the continued funding of such activities and  
 31 shall submit findings, including any recommendation for legislation to  
 32 modify such activities, to the joint standing committee of the General  
 33 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and  
 34 the budgets of state agencies not later than January 1, 2004, and  
 35 annually thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

**APP**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Type</b>	<b>FY 04 \$</b>	<b>FY 05 \$</b>
Judicial Dept.; Criminal Justice, Div.; Pub. Defender Serv. Com.; State Marshal Commission	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The reporting requirements mandated by the bill would not result in additional cost to the agencies because they already report on their budget and programs to the Appropriations Committee on an annual basis.

**OFA Bill Analysis**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION AND THE STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION.****SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the Chief Court Administrator, Chief State's Attorney, Chief Public Defender, and chairperson of the State Marshal Commission to review the functions and activities of their respective agencies in order to assess the cost-effectiveness of such functions and activities and assign priority for their continued funding. It requires them to report their findings to the Appropriations Committee by January 1, 2004, and annually thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 49      Nay 0