

The Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning has predicted that in the near future, the growth in spending as a result of existing statutory requirements will far outweigh projected revenue growth. Therefore, I think it is unwise to tie the hands of the future Executive with additional spending mandates. However, the next Governor can continue to enhance local police protection by providing additional funds through the budget, as I have chosen to do.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 887.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

**House Bill No. 887**

AN ACT concerning

**State Aid for Police Protection Fund – Municipal Sworn Officer Allocation**

FOR the purpose of altering the calculation of a certain payment by the State each fiscal year to certain municipalities based on the number of sworn police officers employed by the municipality; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to a certain payment by the State each fiscal year to certain municipalities based on the number of sworn police officers employed by the municipality.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88B – State Police

Section 66(b)(8)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 88B – State Police**

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(b) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1975, and thereafter, the State shall pay to each subdivision, and to each qualifying municipality, each year in the manner and subject to the limitations and requirements hereinafter provided, an amount determined as follows:

(8) Municipal Sworn Officer Allocation. [For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991 and for each fiscal year thereafter, the] THE State shall pay to each qualifying municipality, in addition to the payments made under subparagraphs (1) through (7) of this subsection an amount equal to ~~[\$900]~~ \$1,500 for each sworn police officer actually employed on a full-time basis by [each] THE qualifying municipality, as determined by the Superintendent.