

provided that, for fiscal year ~~2001~~ 2002, total payments are limited to the amount appropriated for that purpose and, if necessary, shall be prorated among the counties and Baltimore City. State reimbursements to counties and Baltimore City shall be based on the State salary and benefit expenses that would have been paid to circuit court masters had they elected to become State employees. Counties and Baltimore City shall request reimbursement in the manner determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

SECTION ~~5~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a county or Baltimore City shall supplement the State juror per diem amount established under this Act in an amount sufficient to maintain the total combined State and county or Baltimore City per diem amount provided in that county or Baltimore City as of June 30, ~~2000~~ 2001, unless the county or City increases or decreases the supplemental amount by local ordinance. A local ordinance is not required to reduce the existing county or Baltimore City per diem in an amount not exceeding the increased State per diem amount under this Act.

SECTION ~~6~~ 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, unless a county or Baltimore City and the Administrative Office of the Courts agree otherwise, the State shall reimburse a county or ~~the~~ Baltimore City on a quarterly basis for State juror per diem payments beginning in fiscal year ~~2001~~ 2002, provided that, for fiscal year ~~2001~~ 2002, total payments are limited to the amount appropriated for that purpose and, if necessary, shall be prorated among the counties and Baltimore City. Counties and Baltimore City shall request reimbursement in the manner determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

SECTION ~~7~~ 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(1) Beginning in fiscal year ~~2001~~ 2002 and each fiscal year thereafter, each county and Baltimore City shall use the local fiscal savings resulting from this Act solely to increase local expenditures for circuit court or related public safety purposes;

(2) In fiscal years ~~2001~~ 2002 through ~~2008~~ 2009, each county and Baltimore City shall report to the Department of Budget and Management on or before November 1 on the circuit court or related public safety expenditures to which the savings resulting from this Act have been applied. The Department of Budget and Management shall report these expenditures to the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals; and

(3) Circuit court or related public safety expenditures required under this section shall be used to supplement and may not supplant existing local expenditures for the same purpose.

SECTION ~~8~~ 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, ~~2000~~ 2001.

Approved May 18, 2000.