

Article 88B – State Police

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(a) A Local Division is created in the Department, with the powers, duties, functions, and employees provided in this subtitle.

(b) The board of county commissioners or county council of any county, or the Mayor and City Council of the City of Baltimore, and the Superintendent of the Department may conclude an agreement that the Department act as and take over all or a portion of the functions of a local police force for the county, or municipality. Local governing bodies are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into such contractual agreements with municipalities located therein for the participation of the municipalities in the contractual agreements entered into by the local governing bodies and the State Police. In Charles and St. Mary's counties municipalities also may enter into separate contractual agreements with the State Police.

(c) Under any such agreement, the Department within the county shall enforce the public local laws of the county or municipality and perform related police services, in addition to its other and regular duties therein. For this purpose the Department shall provide such employees, buildings, and facilities as may be required by the agreement or, if not so required, as may be reasonable and proper in the discretion of the Department to perform the objects of the agreement.

(d) Every agreement shall provide that the reasonable and proper cost of the Local Division, for and within the particular county be determined by the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police and that the county or municipality shall reimburse the Maryland State Police an amount equal to [75%] 100% of the cost so determined. The agreement further shall provide for the time and manner of payments by the county or municipality to the Maryland State Police to pay this obligation.

(e) Every agreement requires the prior approval of the Office of the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency. Financial arrangements in every agreement require the prior approval of the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning.

(f) The Department may have and provide such employees, buildings, equipment, facilities, and other operating materials for the Local Division as may be provided in the State budget from time to time.

(g) The employees in the Local Division from time to time shall be provided as an addition to the regular number of employees.

(h) For the purposes of this section, the word "county" shall include the City of Baltimore.