

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

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House Bill 694 (Prince George's County and Montgomery County Delegations)
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**Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission -
Prince George's County - Personnel
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This enrolled bill provides that a deputy director of planning or parks and recreation shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Prince George's County planning board. However, the bill specifies that a deputy director may elect to remain in the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's merit system if the individual was a deputy director on June 30, 1996.

The bill creates a nine-member task force to study the operations of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The Department of Fiscal Services must provide staff support to the task force and conduct a feasibility study.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None, as discussed below.

Local Effect: Expenditures could be affected as discussed below. No effect on revenues.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: It is estimated that staffing the task force and the feasibility study would involve between 90 and 120 days of staff time and would include costs for travel, communications, and publishing. Existing staff would have to be diverted from other duties involving service to the General Assembly to conduct such a study. Any costs, however, would be absorbed within Fiscal Services' fiscal 1997 appropriations.

Local Expenditures: Prince George's County officials advise that one deputy director

position is vacant and there are no plans to fill the position. This position has a budgeted salary of about \$74,000. If this position is filled as a result of this bill, assuming fringe benefits equal 30% of salary, Prince George's County expenditures could increase by approximately \$96,000 annually. The Department of Fiscal Services notes that allowing such deputy directors to remain in the commission's merit system could affect future labor costs for such employees. The magnitude and direction of any potential impact on expenditures cannot be reliably estimated at this time, but is assumed to be minimal.

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