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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 447

(Senators Mooney and Brinkley)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Frederick County - Participation in the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority**

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This bill authorizes Frederick County to become a participant in the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority. To do so, the county must file certified copies of a resolution of participation with the Secretary of State and the Department of Legislative Services.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2004.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not materially affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** If Frederick County chooses to become a participant, it may be subject to a \$25,000 annual fee; county finances could be affected depending on the scope of any project undertaken by the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority on behalf of the county. The authority's revenues could increase by \$25,000 annually; finances could be affected depending on the scope of any project undertaken on behalf of the county.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority was created in 1980 as a public instrumentality of the State. The authority's mission is to plan and develop waste management systems that meet the highest environmental standards while providing the most efficient and reliable waste disposal services possible.

**Background:** Seven jurisdictions (Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Montgomery counties) currently participate in the authority.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** According to the authority, its current policy is to assess a \$25,000 annual fee to participating jurisdictions which do not have any projects that generate revenue for the authority. Currently, Anne Arundel, Carroll, and Howard counties pay such a fee. If Frederick County joins the authority, it is reasonable to assume the county could also be required to pay \$25,000 annually; in exchange, the county would benefit from the authority's ability to provide a regional perspective on solid waste planning and management. County finances could be affected depending upon the scope of any solid waste program undertaken by the authority and the impact of such a program on the county's existing solid waste activities.

The authority could handle any increase in workload with existing staff. Authority revenues could increase by \$25,000 annually as discussed above. Authority finances could be affected depending on the scope of any solid waste program undertaken on behalf of the county.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 246 (Frederick County Delegation) – Environmental Matters.

**Information Source(s):** Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority, Frederick County, Department of Legislative Services

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