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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1151 (Delegate Ali, *et al.*)
 Appropriations

**Department of Transportation - Telework Partnership with Employers Program
 - Budget**

This bill requires the Secretary of Transportation to budget \$100,000 annually for the Telework Partnership with Employers Program.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures would increase \$50,000 annually beginning in FY 2008, as this program is already budgeted at \$50,000. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Net Effect	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)

Note: () = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Small employers could benefit from additional funding for telework grants.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Maryland currently operates the Telework Partnership with Employers as a public-private teleworking program. It is not a program mandated by

statute. The program provides grants to employers for professional telework consulting services to Maryland employers to help them initiate or expand telework programs. The consultant must be from a Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) approved list of consultants. The average grant per employer to set up and maintain the program is \$15,000. It is operated in conjunction with the Baltimore Metropolitan Council and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

State Expenditures: MDOT advises that it has included \$50,000 for this program in its fiscal 2008 budget and \$50,000 has been incorporated in the *FY 2007-FY 2012 Consolidated Transportation Program* for the continued maintenance of the program. Accordingly, TTF expenditures would increase \$50,000 annually beginning in fiscal 2008.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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