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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 462

(Cecil County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Environmental Matters

Cecil County - Park Land Regulations

This bill authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County to adopt, by resolution, comprehensive park land regulations. The resolution may provide for enforcement of the regulations, including criminal or civil penalties for violations.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential increase in Cecil County expenditures to establish and enforce park land regulations. Potential increase in Cecil County revenues, to the extent the county elects to establish penalties.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Currently, Cecil County does not have the express authority to develop comprehensive regulations for county park land. The county has a Board of Parks and Recreation that is authorized to (1) determine all questions of general policy relating to parks and public recreation in Cecil County; (2) supervise the expenditure of funds appropriated for these purposes; and (3) keep the Board of County Commissioners informed about the availability of federal and State funds for these purposes. The board may appoint advisory committees or panels to assist in the exercise of its powers and functions.

Background: Cecil County operates numerous parks and recreational areas, including (1) the 22-acre Stemmer Run Boat Launching Ramp on the Sassafras River; (2) the 69-acre Elk River Park; and (3) the 164-acre Chesland Park. To promote uniformity and clarity and to help ensure proper enforcement, there is interest in establishing comprehensive county park regulations in Cecil County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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