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House Bill 1131
 Ways and Means

(Delegate Hixson)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Educators Service Memorial

This bill establishes the Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Educators Service Memorial. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) must staff the commission. By December 1, 2013, the commission must report its initial findings and recommendations to the Governor for possible inclusion the fiscal 2015 budget.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2013, and terminates May 31, 2016.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures increase by \$13,000 in FY 2014, which reflects the cost of hiring one part-time contractual employee within MSDE to staff the commission and produce the required report. Reimbursements for task force members can be handled with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	13,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$13,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The commission must:

- identify an appropriate site on property located within the State Capital Complex or another appropriate site in Annapolis in close proximity to the State Capital Complex for the location of a Maryland Educators Service Memorial;
- estimate the total funding required for the design, construction, and appropriate placement of the memorial;
- consider preliminary design ideas for the construction of the memorial;
- make recommendations regarding an appropriate site for the location of the memorial and the design of the memorial; and
- provide ongoing review and recommendations regarding the funding and construction of the memorial.

The bill establishes the membership of the commission and requires that the members be appointed by July 15, 2013.

Commission members may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the standard State travel regulations, as provided in the State budget.

Background: The preamble notes that Maryland educators dedicate their lives on a daily basis in service to the learning, care, safety, and future of the children in the State. The preamble also states that the creation of the Maryland Educators Service Memorial would recognize the sacrifices, commitment, dedication, and contribution of all Maryland educators past, present, and future, and ensure that their service to the State and its children will be remembered and honored.

There are approximately 58,600 public school teachers currently teaching in the State. In addition, there are private school teachers and other educators in the State.

State Expenditures: General fund expenditures increase by \$12,954 in fiscal 2014 which reflects a 30-day start-up delay and the bill's June 1, 2013 effective date. This estimate reflects the cost of hiring one part-time (50%) contractual employee within MSDE to staff the commission and produce the required report, as the creation of memorials is outside MSDE's area of expertise. It includes a part-time salary, fringe benefits, one-time start-up costs, and ongoing operating expenses, and assumes termination of the contractual employee on December 31, 2013. This estimate assumes MSDE will absorb any additional expenditures related to reimbursements for the task force members.

Contractual Position	0.5
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$8,195
Operating Expenses and Start-up Costs	<u>4,759</u>
Total FY 2014 State Expenditures	\$12,954

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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