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House Bill 1393

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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St. Mary's County - John Hanson Briscoe Circuit Courthouse for St. Mary's  
County

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This bill renames the St. Mary's County Circuit Courthouse in Leonardtown to the John Hanson Briscoe Circuit Courthouse for St. Mary's County.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Assuming St. Mary's County decides to install signage on the courthouse, county expenditures increase by \$25,000 in FY 2015, which includes the cost of purchasing materials, renting necessary equipment, and paying for labor to install the signage across the top of the courthouse. County revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** St. Mary's County government is responsible for maintaining the circuit courthouse in Leonardtown.

**Background:** John Hanson Briscoe was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1962 and served as the Speaker of the House of Delegates from 1973 to 1979. He was appointed as a judge to the St. Mary's County Circuit Court in 1985 and served until 2002. Judge Briscoe also served as president of the Historic Sotterley Foundation, the Historic St. Mary's City Commission, and the St. Mary's County Historical Society. Judge Briscoe was a member of one of the State's oldest families, whose roots in

St. Mary's County date to the seventeenth century. He was a direct descendent of John Hanson, the first president of the Continental Congress under the Articles of Confederation. Judge Briscoe died on January 1, 2014, at age 79.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** St. Mary's County indicates that to install signage, county expenditures would increase by \$25,000 in fiscal 2015 to purchase materials, rent necessary equipment, and pay for labor to install the signage across the top of the courthouse. This estimate includes \$12,500 for materials and \$12,500 for labor and equipment rental.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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