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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 149 (Delegate Reznik)
Health and Government Operations Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services - Term Limits

This bill establishes term limits for the four members who are appointed to the Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services to represent private organizations that provide human services funded by the State. A term lasts four years, except that terms for two members appointed in 2012 expire in 2014 so that remaining terms are staggered. At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed; a member who is appointed to complete an unfinished term serves only until the end of the term and a successor is appointed. A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms, except for an exception given to members appointed before the bill's effective date. The Governor may remove a member for neglect of duty, incompetence, or misconduct.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The changes are procedural in nature and have no direct effect on governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The council was established by Chapters 212 and 213 of 2012 following the recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Procurement of Health, Education, and Social Services by State Agencies. The purpose of the council is to advise the Board of Public Works (BPW) and monitor the implementation of recommendations made by the task force. Staffing for the council is provided by agencies represented on the council and by BPW, in accordance with the State budget. By December 31 of each year, the council must report to the General Assembly on its activities and recommendations.

Membership of the council consists of multiple agency heads within State government, a member of the House of Delegates, a member of the State Senate, and four representatives of private organizations with experience providing human services funded by the State. These four individuals are appointed by the Governor; statute does not limit the duration of their service on the council.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 1449 of 2013 was referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee; no further action was taken on the bill.

Cross File: None.

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