

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

House Bill 411 (Delegate M. Washington, *et al.*)  
Health and Government Operations

Finance

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**General Assembly - Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness - Membership**

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This bill increases the membership of the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness by adding three additional members of the Senate and three additional members of the House of Delegates. These members must reflect the geographic diversity of the State.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Altering the joint committee's membership does not affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** Chapter 427 of 2014 established the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness to ensure that public resources, programs, and policies are coordinated and effective in preventing, mitigating the effects of, and ending homelessness in Maryland. The committee consists of five members of the Senate and five members of the House of Delegates.

The committee must:

- study issues relating to homelessness, including housing, income, health care, education, government supports, and veterans experiencing homelessness;

- consult with governmental agencies, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders to identify State policies, programs, and actions that should or could prevent, mitigate the effects of, and end homelessness in Maryland;
- review and make recommendations to align State statutes, regulations, programs, services, and budgetary priorities with State policies and actions that should or could prevent, mitigate the effects of, and end homelessness in Maryland;
- search for any intradepartmental or interdepartmental gaps, inconsistencies, and inefficiencies in the implementation or attainment of State policies, programs, and actions that should or could prevent, mitigate the effects of, and end homelessness in Maryland; and
- identify new laws, regulations, programs, services, and budgetary priorities that are needed.

The committee must submit a report to the General Assembly by December 1 of each year that includes a description of the committee's work and any recommendations. The Department of Legislative Services provides staff assistance to the committee.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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