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House Joint Resolution 8 (Delegate Hixson)
Rules and Executive Nominations

Establishment of a Presidential Youth Council

This joint resolution supports the establishment of a Presidential Youth Council to advise the President of the United States and the administration on the perspectives of young people, provide recommendations to make public policy-related youth programs more efficient and effective, and address issues that will affect the long-term future of the United States.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The joint resolution does not affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: As noted in the preamble, governors, state legislatures, local officials, and numerous members of the U.S. Congress have created youth councils to receive input from young people. A resolution to create a Presidential Youth Council has also been introduced in both chambers of the U.S. Congress.

Chapter 559 of 2008 established the Maryland Youth Advisory Council. The 24-member council examines issues of importance to youth, including (1) education; (2) a safe learning environment; (3) employment opportunities; (4) strategies to increase youth participation in local and State government; (5) the environment; (6) homelessness; (7) suicide prevention; (8) substance abuse and underage drinking; (9) poverty; and (10) educational

accessibility issues for students with disabilities. It also participates in local youth activities or organizations, advises local officials and community leaders, and informs the Governor and the General Assembly of issues concerning youth, including offering testimony before legislative bodies.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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