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Senate Bill 849 (Senator McCray)
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Baltimore City - Green Career Gender and Minority Empowerment and Training Pilot Program

This bill requires the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to establish the Green Career Gender and Minority Empowerment and Training Pilot Program by January 1, 2020. The purpose of the program is to encourage young women and minorities to pursue green careers. The mayor and city council must engage, encourage, educate, and empower young women and minorities to explore green careers and engage women and minority business enterprises to be mentors. The mayor and city council may coordinate with other public and private entities that offer to provide resources for the program. Funding for the program must come from the Mayor's Office of Minority and Women-Owned Business Development (MWBD), and the program must be provided specified levels of funding from fiscal 2021 through 2024. The mayor and city council must develop an evaluation process that includes a mechanism to evaluate whether the program has operated to encourage young women and minorities to pursue green careers. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019, and terminates June 30, 2024.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City expenditures increase by \$200,000 in FY 2021, by \$500,000 in FY 2022, and by \$1,500,000 in FY 2023 and 2024. **This bill imposes a mandate on a unit of local government.**

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: MWBD serves as Baltimore City's primary advocate for small, local, minority, and women-owned companies. MWBD provides support for these companies seeking to do business with the city by expanding contracting opportunities and increasing the procurement dollars spent with minority and women-owned companies. MWBD also provides networking opportunities at various events throughout the year and outreach to assist in forging strong business alliances, building capacity, accessing assistance, and resolving problems with or barriers to companies seeking to do business with city agencies. According to Baltimore City, the MWBD fiscal 2019 general fund budget totals \$1,069,859.

Local Expenditures: The Green Career Gender and Minority Empowerment and Training Pilot Program must be funded by Baltimore City at \$200,000 in fiscal 2021, \$500,000 in fiscal 2022, and \$1.5 million in both fiscal 2023 and 2024. As specified by the bill, the program is contingent on the availability of funds in the city budget, and funding must come from MWBD. As the funding mandate does not begin until fiscal 2021, this analysis assumes that the program does not receive funding in fiscal 2020.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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