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**HB 1161 Dorchester County- Sanitary Commission- Transfer of Powers to County Council**

**Environment and Transportation Committee**

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**What This Bill Does**

**HB 1161** would transfer the powers of the Dorchester County Sanitary District to the Dorchester County Council. This bill would allow the Dorchester County Council to abolish the Dorchester County Sanitary Commission and establish a department of public facilities and services under the supervision of the County Council.

**Why We Need This Bill**

The Sanitary District have struggled to comply with the Maryland Department of Environment regulations for the management of its water and sewage operations. By establishing a department of public facilities and services run by the County Council, Dorchester County can comply with these regulations and work for the betterment of the public's health and well being that rests on sanitary management.

The Dorchester County Delegation respectfully asks the Committee for a favorable vote on **HB 1161**.