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Department of Commerce – Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve Study MC 15-25

House Bill 1228 requires the Maryland Department of Commerce in coordination with various Montgomery County agencies and organizations to study economic development in the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve, with a focus on the tourist and visitor economy. The legislation outlines how the study should be conducted, including its purpose, which is to use the work product to help inform how best to promote and preserve the Ag Reserve and support the small businesses, recreation sites, and historic sites that depend on the visitor and tourist economy.

Montgomery County believes this is an important endeavor. Therefore, it supports this effort and requests that the Committee do the same, by reporting House Bill 1228 out favorably.