

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
2024 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
First Reader

House Bill 1249 (Delegate Metzgar, *et al.*)  
Environment and Transportation

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Maryland Aviation Administration - Martin State Airport - Study on  
Commercial Air Travel

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This bill requires the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) to conduct a study on increasing commercial air travel at the Martin State Airport. The study must (1) identify potential alterations or improvements at the Martin State Airport that would increase commercial air travel at the airport and (2) analyze the economic impact of increased commercial air travel at the Martin State Airport on the local economy and job creation. A report of the findings and recommendations must be submitted to specified committees of the General Assembly by January 1, 2025. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024, and terminates June 30, 2025.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** The bill can be implemented using existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not directly affect local government operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal or none.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** MAA has responsibility for fostering, developing, and regulating aviation activity throughout the State. MAA operates, maintains, and develops the Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (a State-owned airport) as a major center of commercial air carrier service in the State and Martin State Airport as a general aviation facility and as a support facility for the Maryland Air National Guard and

the Maryland State Police. MAA is governed by its Executive Director and the Maryland Aviation Commission.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Legislative Services

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