

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 1442 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)  
(Departmental - Budget and Fiscal Planning)  
Commerce & Government Matters      Referred to Economic & Environmental Affairs

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**Elimination and Consolidation of Certain Boards and Commissions**

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This amended departmental bill eliminates and consolidates boards and commissions. The Department of Human Resources Advisory Council, the Advisory Commission on Sports, the Blue Sky Advisory Committee, the Education Coordinating Council for State Hospital Centers, the Commission on the State Publications Depository and Distribution Program, the Water Resources Advisory Commission, the Susquehanna River Watershed Advisory Board, the Commission on the Capital City, and the Governor's Volunteer Council are eliminated. The 12 district advisory boards of the Office of the Public Defender are consolidated into four Public Defender Regional Advisory Boards, and members of the State Racing Commission are named directors of the Jockey Fund.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Minimal reduction in reimbursement expenditures for the two consolidations. The remaining bodies have been inactive and unfunded for at least two years. Revenues would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

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Office of the Public Defender, Department of Fiscal Services

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