Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Joint Resolution 6 (Delegate Campbell, et al.) Ways and Means

Task Force on Regional Developmental Tax Base Sharing

This joint resolution directs the Governor to establish a 17-member Task Force on Regional Development Tax Base Sharing. The task force will analyze several aspects of a system of regional development tax base sharing, including the effect on economic growth in the State, infrastructure expenses, and tax revenue from commercial and industrial property. The task force shall also examine the experience of three specific localities in the United States which have successful programs.

The Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) shall staff the task force. The task force shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 10, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None, as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: A joint resolution is an expression of legislative intent only; hence, general fund expenditures are not directly affected. Should compliance with this resolution be rendered, however, DBED advises that expenditures would increase by \$208,000 for travel, data acquisition, and expert consultants.

The Department of Fiscal Services advises that DBED should be able to handle the technical aspects of staffing the task force with in-house personnel, and the remaining costs can be absorbed within the existing budgeted resources of the department.

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