Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1446 (Washington County Delegation) Economic Matters

Washington County - Tourism

This emergency bill establishes a Washington County Convention Bureau; the bureau will have direct control of its staff and budget. This bureau may not take involuntary employment action against county employees that work for the current Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. The Washington County Convention Bureau will receive the \$55,000 for fiscal 1998 already dedicated to advertising and marketing expenses for promoting Civil War tourism currently allocated to the Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None. Washington County finances dedicated towards tourism purposes will remain the same regardless of this change; this assumes that the staff currently working for the Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. will move over to the Washington County Convention Bureau.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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