

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 909 (Montgomery County and Prince George's County Delegations)
Commerce and Government Matters

**Task Force for the Study of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
MC/PG 12-97**

This bill establishes a nine-member task force to study the operation of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC). The Department of Fiscal Services and the Department of Legislative Reference are required to provide staff support. Under the direction of the task force, the Department of Fiscal Services (DFS) is required to conduct a feasibility study of transferring WSSC duties, functions, and financial obligations to Montgomery and Prince George's counties. The task force must report its findings and recommendations by December 1, 1997. This legislation takes effect June 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None, as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. Small businesses would not be directly affected.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: It is estimated that staffing the task force and conducting the feasibility study would involve between 90 and 120 days of DFS staff time and would include costs for travel, communications, and publishing. Existing staff would have to be diverted from other duties involving service to the General Assembly to conduct such a study. Any costs, however, would be absorbed within Fiscal Services' fiscal 1998 appropriations.

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