

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1010 (Charles County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Task Force to Study the Mineral Industry of Charles County

This bill establishes a nine-member Task Force to Study the Mineral Industry of Charles County. The task force is required to: (1) study the location of mineral deposits in the county and the measures currently in force to preserve their availability for future use; (2) assess means to ensure the economic recovery of mineral deposits and the economic health of the mineral industry; (3) assess means to provide appropriate measures for protection of existing and neighboring uses while extracting mineral resources and for reclamation of mined areas; (4) assess best practices for mineral extraction and processing with regard to environmental and economic conditions; (5) assess best practices with regard to alternative sources and uses of water; and (6) make recommendations necessary to preserve rights to mineral extraction. Staff support for the task force will be provided by the County Attorney's Office of Charles County. The task force must report its findings and recommendations by December 1, 1998.

This bill takes effect June 1, 1998 and the task force terminates on December 31, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal. Any costs associated with expense reimbursements for task force members could be handled with existing resources of Charles County government. No effect on revenue.

Small Business Effect: None.

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