

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 923 (Delegate E. Burns. *et al.*)
Commerce & Government Matters

Task Force to Study the History and Legacy of Slavery in Maryland

This bill establishes an 11-member Task Force to Study the History and Legacy of Slavery in Maryland. The task force is to: (1) study the history and effects of slavery in Maryland relating to its social, economic, and educational impact; and (2) identify the contributions made by African Americans through the forced institution of slavery. The bill specifies that members will serve without compensation. The Office of the Secretary of State must provide staff support to the extent possible within existing budgeted resources. The task force must issue a final report of findings and recommendations by December 31, 1999.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1998 and sunsets December 31, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. It is assumed task force members would be reimbursed for expenses under the standard State travel regulations. Any such expenditures would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the task force's meetings. Expenses are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing agency resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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