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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 160 (Chairman, Appropriations Committee)
(Departmental - NE Md. Waste Disposal Authority)

Appropriations

Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority - Participation in State Health and Welfare Benefits Program

This departmental bill authorizes retirees of the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority to participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program. The authority would pay the employer cost of participation in the retiree health care subsidy program.

The authority is a multi-county agency created under the State of Maryland's Natural Resources Article. It currently participates in the State health care program for active employees and pays the employer cost of this program. There is, however, currently no provision in the law that permits the authority to participate in the State retiree health care subsidy program.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The administrative burden of including the authority in the State's retiree health care benefits program would be negligible and could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: The authority's personnel expenditures would increase by approximately \$12,000 per year. Neither the fees charged by the authority at its facilities nor the contributions of the member jurisdictions would be affected.

Small Business Effect: The authority has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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