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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 770 (Montgomery County and Prince George's County Delegations)
Commerce and Government Matters

Prince George's County - Municipal Corporations - Planning Authority
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This bill allows a Prince George's County municipality with a population of more than 10,000 that has had a planning board and department for at least three years (Bowie, College Park, and Greenbelt) to assume planning authority. The planning authority that may be assumed includes master planning, subdivision review and approval, and zoning. Building permitting and inspection are not included. The county district council by a two-thirds majority may disapprove a municipal master plan, if it has a significant regional impact contrary to the general and regional functional master plans.

The bill is effective January 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill's requirements would not materially affect Prince George's County or Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) revenues or expenditures. Assumption of planning authority by a municipality could be handled with the entity's existing planning resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: The M-NCPPC may experience some staff time savings if a municipality elected to assume planning authority however, it is not expected to materially affect expenditures. Conversely, Bowie, College Park, or Greenbelt may have increased staff time costs should planning authority be assumed. Any increase in workload could be handled with existing resources of the municipal government.

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