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House Bill 611 (Montgomery County and Prince George's County Delegations)
Commerce and Government Matters

**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Minority Business Enterprise
Programs**
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The bill (1) extends the authority of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to operate its Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) program applicable to construction from July 1, 1999 to July 1, 2002; (2) broadens the scope of the WSSC's MBE program to include prime contracts in addition to subcontracts; (3) requires the WSSC to issue an annual report concerning the implementation and administration of the program to the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations; and (4) requires the WSSC to establish a time table for implementing certain recommendations based on MBE's 1999 disparity study.

The effective date is July 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: WSSC expenditures to administer its existing MBE program would continue at an estimated annual cost of \$224,450. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Meaningful. Small minority businesses affected by this program would continue to benefit from the existing MBE program. An average of over \$10 million per year in construction contracts were awarded to MBEs between FY 1993 and 1996 out of average total construction awards of over \$51 million per year.

Information Source(s): Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission

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