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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 841 (Delegate Barve. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

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**Public Health - Contingency Plan for Biological and Chemical Terrorism**

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to develop a State Contingency Plan for Biological and Chemical Terrorism. The plan is to address such issues as managing the treatment of victims and integrating the State's public health system with the federal public health system and national security systems. DHMH must consult with the National Coordinator for Security, Infrastructure, and Counterterrorism in developing the plan.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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