

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 311 (Senator Astle)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

State Commission on the Capital City

This bill establishes a 6-member commission to study ways to preserve and improve Annapolis as the capital of the State with emphasis on the location of State, county, and city buildings. The commission may not require or compel the adoption or implementation of any recommendation. The commission is authorized to accept money from a private or public agency for use in carrying out its duties and may give the money to a private or public agency or otherwise spend the money.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: No direct effect. The commission could be established with the Executive Department's existing resources. Any effect the commission's recommendations may have on State finances in the future cannot be reliably estimated at this time. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: No direct effect. Any effect the commission's recommendations may have on Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis finances in the future cannot be reliably estimated at this time. No effect on revenues.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: The bill re-establishes the State Commission on the Capital City that was originally created in 1984. From 1986 to 1990 expenditures for the commission averaged

\$31,610 annually. The majority of this was for a half full-time equivalent staff position. The commission's funding was terminated in 1992 due to cost containment. Legislation in 1996 repealed the commission.

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