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Senate Joint Resolution 11 (Senator Neall)

Economic & Environmental Affairs

Task Force on Regulatory Reform

This joint resolution establishes a 15-member Task Force on Regulatory Reform to examine the current process for regulation review under the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act and to make any recommendations for legislation in the 2001 legislative session. The task force must also identify portions of at least two titles of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) for a pilot examination to eliminate obsolete language, apply a cost/benefit analysis, assess the impact on small business, and identify standards that are more restrictive than federal standards. Staff support for the task force is to be provided by the Department of Legislative Services and the Division of State Documents. The task force must submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2000. The termination date of the task force is December 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Compliance with this joint resolution could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: Current law (the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act) requires State agencies to review their regulations every eight years to determine whether the regulations continue to be necessary.

State Expenditures: Because a joint resolution is an expression of legislative intent only, compliance is not required and expenditures are not directly affected. Should the terms of this joint resolution be complied with, task force members would be reimbursed for expenses under the standard State travel regulations. Any such expenditures would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the task force's meetings. Expenses are assumed to be minimal and able to be handled with existing resources of the entities represented on the task force.

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