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House Bill 1004 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Ways and Means

Prince George's County - Transfer Tax Rate
PG 403-00

This bill establishes a 13-member Task Force on the Prince George's County Transfer Tax Rate to complete a thorough review of the county transfer tax rate and the effect of the transfer tax rate on the county's citizens, businesses, and schools. The task force must submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the Prince George's County House and Senate Delegations by November 1, 2000. The County Executive will provide staff support for the task force to the extent possible within existing budgeted resources.

The bill is effective June 1, 2000 and sunsets November 30, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill does not affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for Prince George's County are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A local property transfer tax may be imposed on instruments transferring title to real property. A distinction is made in the local codes between instruments transferring title such as a deed and certain leaseholds and instruments securing real property such as a

mortgage. Except in Prince George's County, mortgages are not subject to the tax. Prince George's County's current transfer tax rate is 1.4%.

Background: Legislation was introduced during the 1999 session as HB 343 which would have reduced the Prince George's County transfer tax to 1% in fiscal 2000. The bill was not reported from the House Ways and Means Committee.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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