# **Department of Legislative Services**

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# FISCAL NOTE Revised

House Bill 1124 (Montgomery County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

# Montgomery County - Soil Conservation Districts - Delegation of Approval Authority to Municipal Corporations

This bill authorizes a soil conservation district to delegate the authority to approve sediment control plans to a municipal corporation in Montgomery County that: (1) has its own sediment control review provisions that are at least as stringent as the provisions of the grading and sediment control plan of the soil conservation district; (2) issues sediment control permits; and (3) meets the necessary performance standards established by written agreement between the district and the municipal corporation.

### **Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None. Approving the sediment control plans would be voluntary for municipal corporations and could be handled with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

## **Analysis**

**Current Law:** The authority to approve sediment control plans lies with: (1) the appropriate soil conservation district; (2) any municipality not within a soil conservation district; (3) the Maryland Department of the Environment, if a State or federal plan; and (4) the Department of Natural Resources, for abandoned mine reclamation projects.

#### Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

**Information Source(s):** Montgomery County, Maryland Municipal League, Montgomery County Soil Conservation District, Maryland Department of the Environment, Department of Legislative Services

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