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House Bill 617 (Delegate Patterson. *et al.*)
Ways and Means

Task Force to Study the Distribution of State Lottery Revenues

This bill creates a nine-member Task Force to Study the Distribution of State Lottery Revenues. The task force is required to: (1) study the current distribution of State lottery revenues; (2) study the feasibility, need, and effect of distributing State lottery revenues for purposes other than the general fund of the State, including to support public education in the State; and (3) recommend any necessary and feasible changes in the distribution of State lottery revenues. The task force is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2000.

The Department of Budget and Management is required to provide staff support for the task force. Task force members may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under State travel regulations.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2000 and sunsets December 31, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for the Department of Budget and Management are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Current Law: No such task force exists.

Background: Lottery revenues are distributed by the Comptroller as follows:

- into the Maryland Stadium Facilities Fund, the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of the sports lotteries conducted for the benefit of the Maryland Stadium Authority, after the distribution for administrative expenses and to winners; and
- into the general fund, the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all other lotteries after the distribution for administrative expenses and to winners.

The money paid into the general fund is available in the fiscal year in which the money accumulates in the State Lottery Fund.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Comptroller of the Treasury (Bureau of Revenue Estimates), State Lottery Agency, Maryland State Department of Education, Department of Legislative Services

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