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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 369 (Delegates McHale and Cole)

Environmental Matters

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration - Substance Abuse Program - Repeal

This bill repeals the requirement that the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration (ADAA) of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene find an appropriate berth in an area safe for public access for a substance abuse program known as the “U.S.S. Sanctuary.”

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not substantively change State activities or operations because the U.S.S. Sanctuary is not an established program.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 778 of 1998 (HB 149) established the Task Force to Study the Availability of Substance Abuse Programs and required the ADAA to find dockage for the former hospital ship known as the “U.S.S. Sanctuary.”

Background: The U.S.S. Sanctuary is a 100-bed ship to be used for the rehabilitation of chemically-dependent women. The U.S.S. Sanctuary does not have a permanent berth where it can safely house clients and staff.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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