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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1426 (Delegate Redmer, *et al.*)
Commerce and Government Matters

Martin State Airport Advisory Committee

This bill creates a five-member Martin State Airport Advisory Committee to develop recommendations to improve and promote the role of the airport as an airport of service to the Washington Metropolitan Area. The bill directs the Maryland Aviation Commission to consider the committee's recommendations. The advisory committee consists of three members to be appointed by the Governor, including two business owners and one community representative, and the executive director of the Baltimore County Department of Economic Development or the director's designee. The chairman will be appointed by the Governor. Committee members may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under standard State travel regulations.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for advisory committee members are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The nine-member Maryland Aviation Commission, chaired by the Secretary of Transportation, is responsible for directing the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) in developing and implementing airport management policy for

all State-owned airports. The Governor may not appoint any person whose principal activities relate to operation of State-owned airports.

Background: The Glenn L. Martin State Airport, which operates in East Baltimore County, began as an aircraft-manufacturing site in 1929 and was sold to MAA in 1975. It acts as a “reliever” airport by handling many general aviation activities, such as corporate flights and cargo, which allows more capacity at Baltimore Washington International airport and makes the airport eligible for certain types of federal aid.

The six-year Consolidated Transportation Program provides \$14.7 million in capital projects for Martin State Airport and the Governor’s proposed fiscal 2003 operating budget provides a 5.4% increase for airport operations over fiscal 2002.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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