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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 511 (Delegate Burns, *et al.*)  
Environmental Matters

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**A Task Force to Study the Dearth of African American Owned Automobile  
Dealerships in Maryland**

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This bill establishes a 14-member task force to study the Dearth of African-American Automobile Dealerships in Maryland. The task force is required to: (1) study the automobile industry in the State to determine why there are so few African-American owned dealerships in the State; (2) determine the number of African-American owned automobile dealerships in the State; (3) compile statistics on the number of African-American owned automobile dealerships to the number of African-Americans who purchase automobiles; and (4) make recommendations on methods to increase the number of African-American owned dealerships in the State.

The Department of Business and Economic Development will provide necessary staff. The task force is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2005. The bill terminates December 31, 2005.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for the Department of Business and Economic Development could be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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