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House Bill 786
Appropriations

(Delegate Boutin, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

State Personnel - Department of Agriculture - Employees in Soil Conservation
Districts - Grants

This bill authorizes a soil conservation district or a county in which a soil conservation district is located to supplement the salary of an employee of the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) who is assigned to work for a district by providing a grant to the employee.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not directly affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: To the extent soil conservation districts or counties use the authority provided by the bill, local expenditures for salaries would increase. Some counties may already be providing additional compensation to these employees.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: The 24 soil conservation districts in the State assist landowners, land users, communities, and units of governments in planning and applying conservation measures necessary to protect, improve, develop, maintain, or preserve the soil, water, and related natural resources within each district. According to MDA, the State has 10 district managers, 8.5 secretaries, 48 planners, and 30 technicians assigned to soil conservation districts statewide.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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