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House Bill 1211

(Washington County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Washington County Water and Sewer Infrastructure Commission

This bill establishes a 24-member Washington County Water and Sewer Infrastructure Commission to, among other things: (1) study the existing capacity and deficiencies of water and sewer services in Washington County; (2) analyze future growth projections; and (3) consider an efficiency and cost-savings analysis of creating a regional authority that would consolidate the City of Hagerstown and the county water and sewer departments. The commission must develop a long-term plan. An interim report is due to the Washington County Delegation, the Washington County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), and the Hagerstown City Council by January 1, 2005; a final report is due by June 30, 2006. BOCC and the City of Hagerstown must provide staff for the commission.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2004 and sunsets June 30, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Although Washington County and the City of Hagerstown would attempt to use existing resources to provide staff for the commission, depending on the amount of work involved, expenditures could increase for contractual staff support.

Small Business Effect: None.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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