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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1312 (Delegate Rosenberg)
 Health and Government Operations and Appropriations

Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program - Statewide Academic Health Center Public Health Grant - Distribution

This bill permits the hospital in Baltimore City that has been designated the major community hospital to apply for a Statewide Academic Health Center Public Health Grant. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) must distribute a \$2 million grant for the purpose of coordinating Baltimore City’s comprehensive plan for cancer prevention, education, screening, and treatment efforts. The grant must be distributed as follows: 30% to the designated major community hospital, 35% to the Johns Hopkins Institutions (JHI), and 35% to the University of Maryland Medical Group.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Assuming a grant application is approved, special fund expenditures would increase by \$2 million annually beginning in FY 2005 to award a public health grant. No effect on revenues.

(\$ in millions)	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Net Effect	(\$2.0)	(\$2.0)	(\$2.0)	(\$2.0)	(\$2.0)

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Only the University of Maryland Medical Group and JHI may apply for a Statewide Academic Health Center Public Health Grant. Each grant award is \$2 million annually. Rather than distribute a Statewide Academic Health Center Public Health Grant to the University of Maryland Medical Group (UMMG) or JHI, DHMH may distribute a grant to the Baltimore City Health Department or another person for the purpose of coordinating Baltimore City's cancer prevention, education, screening, and treatment efforts if UMMG or JHI choose not to coordinate these efforts.

Background: Chapter 18 of 2000 created the Cancer Prevention, Education, Screening, and Treatment Program within DHMH. This program is funded with Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) funds. The program distributes Statewide Academic Health Center Cancer Research Grants to UMMG and JHI for the purpose of enhancing cancer research activities.

As part of the Cancer Prevention, Education, Screening, and Treatment Program, major community hospitals across the State serve as part of the Community Health Coalition and assist DHMH with identifying all existing cancer prevention, education, screening, and treatment programs in the State, evaluating their effectiveness, and developing a comprehensive plan for cancer prevention, education, screening, and treatment. Sinai Hospital has been designated the major community hospital in Baltimore City and would be eligible to apply for grants under the bill.

State Fiscal Effect: DHMH currently awards \$2 million grants each to UMMG and JHI from the CRF. DHMH would have to award a similar grant for the purpose of furthering Baltimore City's comprehensive cancer plan. Thirty percent of the grant would be distributed to Sinai, 30% to UMMG, and 30% to JHI. Future year expenditures assume grants are made annually and remain constant.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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