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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1507 (Delegate Jameson)
 Appropriations

Economic and Fiscal Impact Analysis - Review of Selected State Government Programs by the University System of Maryland

This bill requires the University System of Maryland to prepare an economic and fiscal impact analysis of selected State government programs. The University System of Maryland must submit a report of the results of the economic and fiscal analysis to the General Assembly by December 1, 2005. The Governor must include in the fiscal 2006 budget an amount sufficient to pay the costs incurred by the University System of Maryland for the economic and fiscal analysis.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could increase by \$82,600 in FY 2005 for the University System of Maryland to conduct the analysis required by the bill. Revenues would not be affected. Future year expenditures reflect the bill's December 1, 2005 reporting date.

(in dollars)	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	82,600	53,700	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$82,600)	(\$53,700)	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The departments and programs within State government subject to the economic and fiscal analysis are: (1) the Maryland Department of Transportation's Sidewalk Program; (2) the Department of Housing and Community Development's Neighborhood Business Development Program, the Community Legacy Program, and the Rental Housing Office Space Conversion Program; (3) the Department of Natural Resources' Community Parks and Playgrounds Program; (4) the Department of the Environment's Brownfields Program; and (5) the Department of Business and Economic Development's Sunny Day Fund.

The economic and fiscal analysis must include an estimate of the effect of the programs on: (1) spending by State and local government and by private sector entities; (2) employment; (3) consumer income; and (4) State and local tax revenues.

State Fiscal Effect: General fund expenditures for the University System of Maryland could increase by \$82,571 in fiscal 2005, which accounts for a 90-day start-up delay and in \$53,664 in fiscal 2006. This estimate reflects the cost of two contractual employees (one faculty member and one graduate assistant) to conduct the fiscal and economic analysis required by the bill. It includes salaries and fringe benefits. Other operating costs are absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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