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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1600 (Delegate Kelley)  
Environmental Matters

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Local Airports - Takeoffs and Landings - Annual Report

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This bill requires the Executive Director of the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) to require the operator of each local general aviation airport in the State to record the number of aircraft taking off or landing at the airport each calendar year and report the information to MAA by February 1 of the following calendar year.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill codifies existing practice. MAA advises that local airports already provide this information on an annual basis and MAA collects this information through its routine annual inspections.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** MAA has general supervision over aeronautics in the State, including the ability to perform any act and adopt any rule to protect the general public safety; the safety of persons who operate, use, or travel in aircraft; the safety of persons who receive instructions in flying or ground subjects that relate to aeronautics; or the safety of persons and property on land or water.

By regulation, MAA licenses public use airports annually and registers private use airports.

**Background:** There are 140 airports in Maryland – 35 public use airports and 105 private use airports. Local general aviation airports would cover both categories. MAA conducts an annual inspection of both public and private use airports. One of the items that must be reported to MAA by each airport is a summary of airport operations for the past year, including the number of takeoffs and landings at the airport each year. MAA shares this information with the Federal Aviation Administration.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Town of Sykesville, City of Greenbelt, City of Hagerstown, City of Laurel, Somerset County, Montgomery County, Prince George’s County, Charles County, Baltimore County, Town of La Plata, Frederick County, Maryland Department of Transportation, Department of Legislative Services

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