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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1104 Ways and Means (Prince George's County Delegation)

Task Force to Examine and Establish Boundaries of the Prince George's County School Board Districts PG 402-05

This bill establishes an 11-member Task Force to Examine and Establish Boundaries of the Prince George's County School Board Districts. The task force must examine current and proposed school board districts and establish new boundaries for the districts. The task force must submit a report of its findings and recommendations by December 1, 2005. Prince George's County must provide staff for the task force.

The bill is effective July 1, 2005 and terminates December 1, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Task force members could be reimbursed for any travel expenses from existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: The bill would not materially affect the finances or operations of Prince George's County or the county board of education.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Five school board districts are established for Prince George's County. Beginning with the November 2006 election, one member of the Prince George's County Board of Education will be elected from each of the five school board districts and four members will be elected from the county at large. Currently, the board is appointed jointly by the Governor and Prince George's County Executive.

Background: Due to perceived problems with the leadership of Prince George's County Public Schools, Chapter 289 of 2002 replaced the existing elected county board of education with a board appointed jointly by the Governor and the county executive. Prior to the enactment of the legislation, the board consisted of nine members elected from nine districts.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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