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House Bill 412

(Delegate Oaks, *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Task Force on Minority Participation in the Environmental Community

This bill establishes a Task Force on Minority Participation in the Environmental Community to evaluate and make recommendations regarding methods of improving minority participation in the environmental community. The University System of Maryland (USM) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) must provide staff for the task force. A final report of its findings and recommendations is due to the Governor and the General Assembly by July 1, 2007.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2006 and terminates July 31, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for DNR, USM, and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: USM and the task force must provide opportunities for internships for students to staff the task force in exchange for class credit, to the extent practicable. DNR and MDE must manage the student intern.

A member of the task force may not receive compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the standard State travel regulations.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 350 (Senator Gladden, *et al.*) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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