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Senate Joint Resolution 4 (Senator Exum, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Rules and Executive Nominations

Slavery in Maryland

This joint resolution • expresses profound regret for the role that Maryland played in instituting and maintaining slavery and for the discrimination that was slavery's legacy; • commits the State to the formation of a more perfect union among its citizens regardless of color, creed, or race; and • recommits the State to the principle that all people are equal and equally endowed with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Compliance with this joint resolution would not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 316 of 2000 established the Commission to Coordinate the Study, Commemoration, and Impact of Slavery's History and Legacy in Maryland. The purpose of the commission includes networking museums, cultural organizations, cultural parks and centers, and private collections in order to support the cataloging, preservation, and presentation of cultural resources relative to the history and legacy of slavery in Maryland; publicizing and seeking support for initiatives relating to the history and legacy of slavery; and keeping the State informed of the latest research on the lingering psychological, sociological, and economic impacts of slavery and its legacy.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SJ 7 of 2005, a similar joint resolution, received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Cross File: None.

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