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House Bill 1136
Judiciary

(Delegate Shank, *et al.*)

Circuit Courts - Medical Malpractice Division - Task Force

This bill establishes a Medical Malpractice Division Task Force to study the feasibility of establishing a medical malpractice division in appropriate circuit courts. The task force's report must include: (1) input from the Maryland medical and legal communities; (2) a review of other states' experience in creating specialty courts or administrative procedures for compensating injured patients; (3) a study of any constitutional issues associated with establishing a medical malpractice division in the circuit courts; (4) consideration of all operational aspects of establishing a medical malpractice division, including specified information; and (5) any other matters the task force considers relevant. The task force must issue a final report by June 1, 2007.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2006 and terminates June 30, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any costs relating to the task force are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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