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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 499 (Cecil County Delegation)
Ways and Means

Task Force to Study the Creation of a Vocational Technical High School to Serve Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's Counties

This bill establishes a Task Force to Study the Creation of a Vocational Technical High School to Serve Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's Counties. The task force must assess the operating and capital costs associated with establishing a vocational technical high school, the local business community's need for skilled workers, and the types of courses that should be offered to students. A final report is due December 15, 2006.

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

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Secretary of Business and Economic Development (or designee) could participate in task force meetings with existing resources.

Local Effect: Local community college and board of education representatives could participate in task force meetings with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Background: A report from the Maryland State Department of Education lists 24 vocational technical schools operating in Maryland in the 2005-2006 school year. There are no vocational technical schools in Kent or Queen Anne's counties, but there is a Cecil County School of Technology (CCST). The web site for CCST lists the following course

offerings: allied health, automotive, carpentry, career experience program, computer electronics, cosmetology, culinary arts, drafting, electrical trades, fire science, graphic communications, information technology, masonry, natural resources, plumbing – heating ventilation and air conditioning, trade cluster, and welding.

Additional Information

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