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Senate Bill 1039

(Senator Colburn)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Environmental Matters

Dorchester County - Water and Sewerage Systems - Benefit Assessments and Connection Charges

This bill authorizes the Dorchester County Sanitary Commission to set reasonable benefit assessments to pay the cost of capital improvements and repairs to a water or sewerage system.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Dorchester County revenues and expenditures could increase, with any expenditure increase offset by revenue proceeds from assessments. Although a reliable estimate of any impact cannot be made at this time, Dorchester County reports that the bill is not anticipated to significantly affect its finances.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Subject to some limitations, a sanitary commission and the member counties of a district may issue bonds to pay the cost of a project. To pay the principal and interest on bonds issued, a sanitary commission is authorized to set reasonable benefit assessments and reasonable connection charges. In Allegany County, a sanitary commission may also set reasonable benefit assessments to pay the cost of capital improvements to a water or sewerage system.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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