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Senate Bill 861

(Senator Pugh)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

Task Force - Urban Senior Care Communities in Baltimore City

This bill establishes the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Developing Urban Senior Care Communities in Baltimore City, staffed by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The task force will • study the feasibility of developing senior care facilities in Baltimore City; • investigate the use of tax credits to provide incentives for the private sector to develop senior care facilities; and • investigate the use of Medicaid or Medicare funding for health care services needed by seniors at senior care facilities.

Task force members are eligible to receive reimbursement for expenses as provided in the State budget. The task force must submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by December 31, 2007.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2007 and terminates June 30, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for the Department of Housing and Community Development are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: In 2005, approximately 650,000 Maryland residents were aged 65 and older, of whom 73,300 resided in Baltimore City.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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