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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 1 (Senator Lenett)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

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**Maryland Youth Advisory Council**

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This bill establishes the Maryland Youth Advisory Council to inform the Governor and General Assembly of issues concerning youth. The council is charged with recommending one legislative proposal each year for possible introduction, conducting one or two public hearings each year on issues of importance to youth, and conducting a public awareness campaign. The State Department of Education may elect to allow student members to earn school credit for their service on the council. By June 1 of each year, the council must report on its activities to the Governor and General Assembly.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Minimal increase in general fund expenditures by the General Assembly to reimburse council members for travel expenses, which could be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** There is no equivalent council to advise the Governor or General Assembly on issues of concern to youth.

**State Expenditures:** Council members may not receive compensation for their service on the council, but they are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses to attend council meetings, as provided in the State budget. The Governor's Office for Children and legislative members of the council are responsible for providing staff support to the council, and it is presumed that they will provide that support with existing staff.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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