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(Prince George's County Delegation)

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Prince George's County - Task Force to Study Locations in Prince George's County
Best Suited for Use by State Agencies
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This bill establishes a Task Force to Study Locations in Prince George's County Best Suited for Use by State Agencies, staffed by Prince George's County. The task force will study and make recommendations on the best locations in the county for State agencies, which State agencies are expected to relocate to the county, and methods of encouraging State agencies to relocate to the county. A final report of its findings and recommendations is due to the Governor and the General Assembly by September 30, 2009.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008 and terminates September 30, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: Any expense reimbursements for Prince George's County task force members and staffing costs by the county executive's office are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: There are currently no State agency headquarters located in Prince George's County. **Exhibit 1** lists the geographic location of State positions. The Department of General Services – Office of Real Estate is responsible for establishing policy, and directing

and coordinating the acquisition, disposal, valuation, and leasing of real property for all State agencies with the exception of the Maryland Department of Transportation, which is responsible for its own acquisition and disposal. In all of its activities, the office of real estate works in conjunction with other DGS master planning components to maximize the effective use of assets owned and leased by the State.

In November 2005, the Secretary of Planning conveyed intent to relocate the Maryland Department of Planning to Prince George's County via a letter to the General Assembly's Presiding Officers. MDP's fiscal 2007 proposed budget included \$3.2 million in general funds for relocation to Prince George's County (\$1.75 million for one-time moving and build-out costs, \$1.0 million for estimated annual rental costs, and \$450,000 for employee retention bonus payments). The General Assembly did not approve the funding request and the fiscal 2007 budget did not include any funds for these purposes.

The 2006 *Joint Chairmen's Report* required MDP and DGS to submit a report to the budget committees by July 14, 2006 providing information about MDP's location needs, available State-owned offices, potential economic impacts of the move, and alternatives to moving to Prince George's County. In the report, DGS estimated that relocating MDP to Prince George's County would require \$1.75 million for one-time moving and build-out costs and \$1.0 million annually for rental payments.

HB 13 of the 2006 special session would have required MDP to relocate to Prince George's County. The bill did not receive a hearing. On August 30, 2006, MDP's proposed move to Prince George's County was heard before the Board of Public Works. After discussion, the Governor withdrew the item from the agenda.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Prince George's County, Department of General Services, Department of Legislative Services

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Exhibit 1
Geographic Locations of State Positions
As of June 30, 2007

<u>Location</u>	<u>Employees</u>		<u>Vacant Positions</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>SPMS</u>	<u>MDOT</u>	<u>SPMS</u>	<u>MDOT</u>	<u>SPMS</u>	<u>MDOT</u>
Allegany	1,786	168	78		1,864	168
Anne Arundel	6,225	2,053	801		7,026	2,053
Baltimore City	16,913	1,907	1,551		18,464	1,907
Baltimore County	4,628	440	456		5,084	440
Calvert	307	35	5		312	35
Caroline	237	30	27		264	30
Carroll	1,610	66	125		1,735	66
Cecil	412	64	39		451	64
Charles	515	90	64		579	90
Dorchester	491	25	37		528	25
Frederick	746	151	49		795	151
Garrett	347	45	15		362	45
Harford	612	81	49		661	81
Howard	1,765	71	116		1,881	71
Kent	287	66	23		310	66
Montgomery	724	228	41		765	228
Prince George's	1,468	360	137		1,605	360
Queen Anne's	337	51	36		373	51
St. Mary's	371	37	35		406	37
Somerset	1,068	24	55		1,123	24
Talbot	273	67	23		296	67
Washington County	2,788	59	150		2,938	59
Wicomico	1,190	95	124		1,314	95
Worcester	346	35	48		394	35
Washington, DC	6	2	0		6	2
Out of State	10		0		10	0
Other	9		390	501	399	501
Total	45,471	6,250	4,474	501	49,945	6,751

Note: The employee count is actual employees.

Excludes: Judiciary, University System of Maryland, and Department of Legislative Services

Source: Department of Budget and Management Annual Personnel Report, fiscal 2007