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Senate Bill 379 (Senators Zirkin and Stone)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Baltimore County - Wireless Telecommunications Towers - Prohibition on
School System Property**

This bill prohibits the Baltimore County Public Schools from placing a wireless telecommunications tower on any property granted, conveyed, devised, or bequeathed to the school system.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill applies only to Baltimore County.

Local Effect: None. The Baltimore County Public School system does not have any wireless telecommunications towers on school property and does not have any plans to place one on school property.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Local school systems are not barred from placing wireless telecommunications towers on school property.

Background: Baltimore County Public Schools had planned to place a cell phone tower on school property in return for a \$1,000 per month payment to the system. In response

to community objections, the school system withdrew its plan and has no further plans to locate cell phone towers on school property.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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