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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1480

(Chair, Health and Government Operations
Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Aging)

Health and Government Operations

Finance

Interagency Committee on Aging Services - Membership

This departmental bill adds the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Director of the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the Chair of the Commission on Aging to the membership of the Interagency Committee on Aging Services.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for the additional committee members are minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Maryland Department of Aging has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: The Interagency Committee on Aging Services, created by Chapters 101 and 330 of 1982, plans coordination of State and local services covering employment, health, housing, social services, and transportation for Maryland's elderly. Meeting quarterly, the committee devises programs to assess the needs of elderly persons and their caregivers and to provide services. Prior to each legislative session, the committee reports to the General Assembly on its plans, activities, and the status of services to Maryland seniors.

The committee consists of the following members: the Secretary of Aging; the Secretary of Disabilities; the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; the Secretary of Housing and Community Development; the Secretary of Human Resources; the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; the Secretary of Transportation; and two members appointed by the Governor.

Background: The Maryland Department of Aging advises that the additional members will allow the committee to better coordinate services and will provide additional consumer input. The department advises that a representative from VA has been attending committee meetings for six years, and because more World War II veterans will likely need long-term care, and many other veterans may need information or assistance with services, the VA member is an appropriate addition. Further, adding the Chair of the Commission on Aging will provide an effective link between the State agencies who deliver services and older consumers who use them.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Department of Aging, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Interagency Committee on Aging Services - Membership

BILL NUMBER: HB 1480

PREPARED BY: Department of Aging

PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESS

OR

WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

The proposed legislation will have no impact on small business in Maryland.