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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 940 (Senator Kittleman)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

Education - Commission on Civic Literacy - Membership

This bill adds one member of the Judiciary of the State of Maryland to the Commission on Civic Literacy.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any additional expense reimbursements for the added member are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources. Members of the commission may not receive compensation.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The commission consists of 30 members, including members from the Executive and Legislative branches of government, as well as other community stakeholders.

Background: Chapter 160 of 2007 established the Commission on Civic Literacy to promote civic education in schools.

The commission is responsible for:

- developing programs to educate students in civic discourse;

- identifying and supporting existing civic education programs in Maryland;
- building professional civic education networks; and
- establishing an Internet-based clearinghouse of civic education resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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