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

Senate Bill 1050

(Senators Harris and Klausmeier)

Finance

Rules and Executive Nominations

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**Baltimore County Revenue Authority - Closure, Sale, Transfer, or Conveyance  
of Facility or Project**

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This bill requires the Baltimore County Revenue Authority to hold a public hearing at least one month before closing, selling, transferring, or conveying any facility or project that it operates.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore County finances are not affected. The county revenue authority can comply with the public hearing requirement with existing budgeted resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** The Baltimore County Revenue Authority was created by the General Assembly in 1955. The authority constructs, improves, equips, furnishes, maintains, acquires, and operates a wide variety of projects devoted wholly or partially for public uses. The authority is an independent corporation governed by five members appointed by the county executive for five-year terms, with the advice and consent of the county council.

Currently, the authority operates an indoor sports complex in Reisterstown, an addition to the Towson Library, a District Court facility in Towson, and parking facilities, parking meters, and public golf courses throughout Baltimore County.

The authority finances its facilities through the sale of revenue bonds and is also authorized to fix rates for tolls, rentals, and charges for the use of any of its projects. The authority may sell, transfer, or convey any project (or part of a project) that it has constructed (or partially constructed) or property it has acquired if:

- the conveyance, sale, or transfer first is offered to the county for its acceptance or rejection;
- the disposition has been advertised once a week for three successive weeks in at least one newspaper of general circulation published in the county, stating the terms and the compensation to be received; and
- in the case of real property, notice is posted before any conveyance, sale, or transfer in a conspicuous location on the property site for at least 30 days and throughout the run of the newspaper advertisement.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** The Baltimore County Revenue Authority advises that it closes, sells, transfers, or conveys a facility approximately once every five years. Any costs associated with the required public hearings will be handled by the authority with existing budgeted resources; Baltimore County finances will not be affected.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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