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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1134 (Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's

County Delegation)

Environmental Matters Budget and Taxation

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Audit and Financial Statements MC/PG 122-09

This bill requires the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to file a certified copy of the annual audit and current financial statements with the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: WSSC can meet the requirements of the bill with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: WSSC must file a certified copy of the annual audit and current financial statements with the County Executive and County Council of Prince George's County and the County Executive of Montgomery County.

Background: WSSC is the eighth largest water and wastewater utilities in the country, providing water and sewer services to 1.8 million residents in Montgomery and Prince George's counties. It has over 460,000 customer accounts, serves an area of around 1,000 square miles, and currently employs more than 1,500 people. The agency operates four reservoirs, two water filtration plants, and six wastewater treatment plants.

Additionally, the Blue Plains Water Pollution Control Plant handles as much as 169 million gallons per day under a cost-sharing agreement with WSSC. The agency maintains nearly 5,500 miles of water main lines and over 5,300 miles of sewer main lines.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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