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House Bill 1136

(Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's
County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Budget and Taxation

**Montgomery County - Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Financial
Oversight Act
MC/PG 101-09**

This bill requires the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to annually file a certified copy of its annual audit and current financial statements with the Montgomery County Council. The Montgomery County Council or its duly authorized agents may, at any time, audit and examine the books and records of WSSC provided that such audit or examination is without cost to WSSC.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill will not materially affect WSSC or Montgomery County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: WSSC files its audits and financial statements with the County Executive and County Council of Prince George's County and the County Executive of Montgomery County, and these entities have the authority to examine the books and records of WSSC.

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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