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House Bill 1559

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Task Force to Study the Governance and Structure of the St. Mary's County
Metropolitan Commission**

This bill establishes a Task Force to Study the Governance and Structure of the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission. The task force must study the governance and structure of the commission and make recommendations regarding the structure and governance of the commission and how best to continue the provision of water and sewer services to county citizens. The St. Mary's County Delegation to the General Assembly must issue a request for proposal (RFP) to three specified University System of Maryland universities and from the proposals received select staff for the task force. A report with findings and recommendations is due to the St. Mary's County Delegation of the General Assembly and the county commissioners by July 1, 2009.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2009, and terminates August 31, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: St. Mary's County expenditures may increase minimally, depending on the results of the RFP process for selecting task force staff. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: The St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission (MetCom) was created by the General Assembly in 1957 to supply water and sewer service to residents in

St. Mary's County. As of May 1, 2005, MetCom operated 27 water systems and 4 sewer treatment plants and provided water service to 41,000 people and sewer service to 36,000 people. The commission's fiscal 2008 operating budget is \$10.3 million.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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