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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1480

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

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Stormwater Management - Construction Activities - State and Local  
Governments  
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This bill prohibits the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) from establishing stormwater management criteria or procedures for construction activities of the State and local governments that are less stringent than for the private sector.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill codifies existing practice.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill codifies existing practice.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** State law requires each county and municipality to adopt ordinances necessary to implement a stormwater management program. In general, a person may not develop any land for residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional use without submitting, and getting approval of, a stormwater management plan from the county or municipality with jurisdiction. The developer must certify that all land development will be done according to the approved plan. A State or federal agency may not undertake any construction activity unless the agency has submitted and obtained approval of a stormwater management plan from MDE.

**Background:** MDE advises that all construction projects, whether from public- or private-sector entities, are subject to the same stormwater management laws and regulations, including the Maryland Stormwater Design Manual and Supplements.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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