

Department of Legislative Services  
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 164 (Senator Conway)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Health and Government Operations

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Advisory Committee on the Naming of State Facilities, Roads, and Bridges -  
Repeal

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This bill repeals the Advisory Committee on the Naming of State Facilities, Roads, and Bridges.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill does not affect State finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** The Advisory Committee on the Naming of State Facilities, Roads, and Bridges was authorized by Chapter 442 of 2005. Except for public institutions of higher education, the committee is charged with considering and evaluating requests to name State facilities for individuals and accepting public testimony at its hearings. The committee consists of nine members, is staffed by the Department of Legislative Services, and must submit an annual report to the General Assembly containing recommendations about such requests by January 1 of each year.

**Background:** Over the past four years, the committee convened twice, both times during the 2006 interim. The committee submitted one annual report in December 2006 which makes two formal recommendations and defers consideration of two requests.

The Maryland Department of Transportation and the Board of Public Works (BPW) play important roles in the naming of roads and facilities. The Maryland Transportation Commission reviews all proposed dedications and names for specified State roads, highways, and transportation facilities and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation. However, in accordance with a January 2004 BPW Advisory (2004-1), agencies must submit proposed names for any State building or capital improvement to BPW, and all names are subject to final BPW approval.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** HB 439 of 2009 passed the House and then the Senate, with amendments, but the differences were not reconciled.

**Cross File:** None.

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