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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 218 (Senator Simonaire)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**State Government - Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal
Bays Critical Area - Membership**

This bill adds four additional members, two from the House of Delegates and two from the Senate, to the Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances. Any expense reimbursements for the four additional committee members are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area began in 1984 as the Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas (Chapter 794 of 1984). In 2003, it received its present name (Chapter 21 of 2003). Periodically, the committee meets with the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays to review development and implementation of the criteria for program development and to review any aspect of the State's critical area protection program.

The committee consists of 10 members: 5 senators appointed by the President of the Senate and 5 delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House. Committee members serve at the pleasure of the presiding officer who appointed them.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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