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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
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House Bill 219

(Delegate Bronrott, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

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**Office of the Governor - State Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council**

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This bill codifies the State Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council, adds one member, and requires that it be staffed by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration (ADAA).

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill does not affect governmental finances since the council already exists and functions in the manner specified by the bill. ADAA can staff the council using existing personnel and resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** The Maryland State Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council was authorized by the Governor through executive order in 2004, reissued in 2008, as part of a comprehensive strategy to coordinate substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment services, and improve the criminal justice and correctional systems' links to these services.

The council prepares and annually updates a two-year strategic plan that identifies priorities for the delivery and funding of services in the State. Other responsibilities include identifying potential funding sources and disseminating information about these funding opportunities to the local drug and alcohol abuse councils; identifying promising practices in substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment; conducting annual

surveys of federal and State funds used in Maryland for substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment; identifying emerging needs; determining emerging needs; and serving as a repository for studies and evaluations of State and local programs.

In September 2005, the council submitted its first two-year plan, which establishes priorities and strategies to deliver and fund drug and alcohol abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment services.

Of the council's 22 voting members, 10 are appointed by the Governor, 1 each by the Senate President and House Speaker, and 10 serve *ex officio*. Five nonvoting, *ex officio* members also serve on the council. Council members may serve up to two consecutive three-year terms. Members may not receive compensation but are entitled to travel expense reimbursement.

The council's most recent report, *Strategic Plan for the Organization and Delivery of Substance Abuse Services in Maryland 2010 to 2012*, was issued in August 2009. The council's strategic plan includes four goals:

- facilitate establishment and maintenance of a statewide structure that shares resources and accountability in the coordination of, and access to, comprehensive recovery-oriented services;
- improve the quality of services provided to individuals (youth and adults) in the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems who present with substance use conditions;
- improve the quality of services provided to individuals with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health problems; and
- codify the State Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council to assure a sustained focus on the impact of substance abuse.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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