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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 226

(Senator Dyson)

Judicial Proceedings

Environmental Matters

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee - Meetings

This bill repeals the requirement for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to meet at least quarterly, with at least one meeting in Annapolis, and instead requires the committee to hold regular meetings as it deems appropriate.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is not expected to materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The Governor must appoint a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to provide guidance to State agencies concerning funding of bicycle- and pedestrian-related programs, public education and awareness of bicycle- and pedestrian-related activities and safety, and other issues. The committee is composed of up to 22 specified members and must meet at least quarterly, with at least one meeting held in Annapolis. The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) must provide staff, administrative support, and operating expenses for the committee, as provided in the State budget. Committee members may not receive compensation but must be reimbursed for expenses under the standard State travel regulations, as provided in the State budget.

MDOT advises that there is no compelling reason for the committee to meet in Annapolis, and that repealing meeting time and location requirements will make scheduling and attending meetings more convenient.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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