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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1506

(Delegate Conway)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Wicomico County - Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority**

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This bill authorizes Wicomico County to become a participating county in the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** If Wicomico County chooses to become a participant, it will be subject to a \$100,000 annual fee; county finances could be affected depending on the scope of any project undertaken by the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority on behalf of the county. The authority's revenues could increase by \$100,000 annually; finances could be affected depending on the scope of any project undertaken on behalf of the county.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority was created in 1980 as a public instrumentality of the State. The authority's mission is to plan and develop waste management systems that meet the highest environmental standards while providing the most efficient and reliable waste disposal services possible.

**Background:** Eight jurisdictions (Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, and Montgomery counties) currently participate in the authority.

Chapter 267 of 2008 authorized Cecil County to become a participating county in the authority.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** According to the authority, its current policy is to assess a \$100,000 annual fee to participating jurisdictions that do not have any projects that generate revenues for the authority. Currently, Baltimore County is the only jurisdiction without a project or contract that is managed by the authority and is, therefore, subject to the \$100,000 annual fee. All other member jurisdictions pay a fee based on the number and type of projects that are managed by the authority.

If Wicomico County joins the authority, it must pay \$100,000 annually; in exchange, the county benefits from the authority's ability to provide a regional perspective on solid waste planning and management. County finances could be affected depending upon the scope of any solid waste program undertaken by the authority and the impact of such a program on the county's existing solid waste activities.

The authority could handle any increase in workload with existing staff. Authority revenues could increase by \$100,000 annually as discussed above. Authority finances could be affected depending on the scope of any solid waste program undertaken on behalf of the county.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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