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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 220
Rules

(The President)

Health and Government Operations

General Assembly - Mandated Reports by State Agencies

This bill repeals specified reporting requirements by Executive Branch agencies that are obsolete, duplicative, or unnecessary. It also consolidates, reschedules, and clarifies specified reporting requirements for the purposes of efficiency and practicality and makes technical and stylistic changes to conform to other changes made in the bill. Finally, it requires the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) to conduct quadrennial reviews of statutory reporting requirements and make recommendations to the General Assembly to repeal or modify existing reporting requirements.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2015.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill has no direct effect on State finances. Some Executive Branch agencies may experience operational efficiencies as a result of the repeal or consolidation of existing reporting requirements and/or changes in reporting due dates. DLS can carry out the bill's requirements with existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: State law requires Executive Branch agencies to report to the General Assembly on specified activities, services, and trends. In the absence of a process for reviewing the need for these reports, many become obsolete or redundant. During the 2014 interim, DLS conducted a review of the mandated reports in State law to identify

requirements that have become obsolete, duplicative, impractical, inefficient, or otherwise unnecessary. This bill is a direct result of that effort.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 67 (The Speaker, *et al.*) - Health and Government Operations.

Information Source(s): State Department of Assessments and Taxation, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Department of Business and Economic Development, Governor's Office for Children, Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland State Department of Education, Department of Housing and Community Development, Maryland Higher Education Commission, Maryland Insurance Administration, Department of Natural Resources, Comptroller's Office, Department of Juvenile Services, Office of Administrative Hearings, Department of Aging, Maryland State Retirement Agency, Maryland Department of Transportation, Baltimore City, Department of Legislative Services

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