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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 796 (Delegates W. Miller and K. Young)  
Environment and Transportation

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**Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority - Executive Director and General Counsel - Appointment and Compensation**

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This bill requires the Governor, rather than the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority (NMWDA), to appoint an executive director and a general counsel (or provide for alternative legal services), both of which are to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, rather than NMWDA. The bill also requires NMWDA to recommend to the Governor the compensation for the executive director and any general counsel, rather than allowing NMWDA to determine compensation.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not directly affect local operations or finances, although any change to the level of compensation of the executive director or general counsel of NMWDA may minimally impact the budget of NMWDA and, consequently, the dues paid by member jurisdictions.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 871 of 1980 established NMWDA and its mission to improve health and living conditions in the State through the efficient collection and disposal of waste on a regional basis and the generation of energy and recovery of useable resources from such waste to the extent practicable. NMWDA is required to appoint, subject to the approval of the Governor, an executive director, who may not be a member of NMWDA.

NMWDA may also appoint, subject to the approval of the Governor, a general counsel, either on a full-time or part-time basis, or it may otherwise provide for necessary legal services. Both the executive director and the general counsel serve at the pleasure of NMWDA.

NMWDA member jurisdictions include Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, and Montgomery counties and Baltimore City. According to its website, NMWDA plans and develops waste management systems that meet the highest environmental standards while providing the most efficient and reliable waste disposal services possible.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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