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House Bill 1011 (Delegate Gaines, *et al.*)
Environment and Transportation

Department of Transportation - Modal Administrations - Appointments

This bill subjects the appointments of Executive Director of the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA), Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration (MPA), and Maryland Transit Administrator to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: MAA has responsibility for fostering, developing, and regulating aviation activity throughout the State. MAA operates, maintains, and develops Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (a State-owned airport) as a major center of commercial air carrier service in the State and Martin State Airport as a general aviation facility and as a support facility for the Maryland Air National Guard and the Maryland State Police. MAA is governed by its Executive Director and the Maryland Aviation Commission. The commission is comprised of eight individuals appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Secretary of Transportation serves as the commission's chairman. The chairman must appoint the Executive Director of MAA based on the advice of the commission, subject to the approval of the Governor.

MPA, through its efforts to increase waterborne commerce, promotes the economic well-being of the State and manages the State-owned facilities at the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore. MPA is governed by its Executive Director and the Maryland Port Commission. The commission is comprised of seven individuals. Six are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, while the seventh is the Secretary of Transportation. The Secretary serves as the commission's chairman. The chairman must appoint the Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration, subject to the approval of the Governor.

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) operates a comprehensive transit system throughout the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area, including more than 50 local bus lines in Baltimore and other services such as the light rail, Metro subway, commuter buses, Maryland Area Regional Commuter trains, and mobility/paratransit vehicles. MTA is governed by the Maryland Transit Administrator, who is appointed by the Secretary of Transportation, subject to the approval of the Governor.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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