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House Bill 236 (Prince George's County Delegation)

Environment and Transportation

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Prince George's County - Affordable Housing Commission
PG 408-18

This bill establishes the Affordable Housing Commission for Prince George's County, which is staffed by the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development. The commission must (1) review the procedures and practices used in the county administration of housing and community development policies; (2) use existing studies, reports, and census data to examine the state of affordable housing in the county, as specified; and (3) examine industry trends in the location, production, and rehabilitation of single-family and multifamily housing. The commission must report its findings and recommendations to the county delegation to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the General Assembly by January 1, 2019. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018, and terminates June 30, 2019.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: Prince George's County expenditures increase by \$154,500 in FY 2019 only in order to staff the commission. Revenues are not affected. **This bill may impose a mandate on a unit of local government.**

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The county executive designates the chair of the commission. A member of the commission may not receive compensation as a member but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses, as specified.

Current Law/Background: The [Housing Authority of Prince George's County, Maryland](#) (HAPGC) was established in 1969 to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing to low- and moderate-income Prince George's County residents. HAPGC receives federal funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to administer the Housing Choice Voucher Program and public housing programs.

Most of the affordable housing assistance is in the form of rental units that must meet specified housing quality standards. HAPGC also provides participant families with programs that encourage them to become self-sufficient.

Local Expenditures: Prince George's County advises that the county Department of Housing and Community Development does not have the resources to provide expertise for the commission and, therefore, must hire a contractual housing analyst in order to perform the tasks required under the bill. Total fiscal 2019 costs anticipated by the county, which also include consulting services, are shown below.

Position (Contractual)	1
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$80,500
Communications	5,000
Travel/Food	9,000
Consulting Services	<u>60,000</u>
Total FY 2019 County Expenditures	\$154,500

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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