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House Bill 1232 (Delegate M. Fisher, *et al.*)
Health and Government Operations

**State House Trust - Lawyer's Mall - Commemoration of Landmark Civil Rights
Case Brown v. Calvert County Board of Education**

This bill requires the State House Trust to add to the list of landmark cases engraved on the grounds of Lawyer’s Mall, directly in front of the statue of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the 1937 case of *Brown v. Calvert Board of Education*.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund contractual expenditures for the Maryland State Archives (MSA) and/or Department of General Services (DGS) increase in FY 2023, as discussed below. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The State House Trust is responsible for the restoration and preservation of the State House, as well as the landscaping and construction of Lawyer’s Mall. The trust must disapprove or approve and supervise any proposed repair, improvement, or other change to the State House or to any other building within State Circle, any proposed landscaping of the grounds of those buildings, and any proposed improvement, nonemergency repair, or other change to Lawyers’ Mall.

The trust includes the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Chairman of the Maryland Historical Trust, or the chairman’s designee, and

up to three nonvoting associate members appointed by the members. Each associate member must have experience and interest in historic preservation.

State Expenditures: As noted above, the bill requires the State House Trust to make an addition to the list of landmark cases engraved on the grounds of Lawyer's Mall. Thus, general fund contractual expenditures for MSA and/or DGS increase in fiscal 2023 for the design and performance of the modification. Associated costs have not been quantified at this time and are likely to depend on the modification plan approved by the State House Trust. For example, the timeline of Thurgood Marshall's career inscribed on Lawyer's Mall plaza is listed in chronological order beginning in 1936; implementation of the bill may require more extensive modifications to the existing design in order to incorporate the 1937 case of *Brown v. Calvert Board of Education* while maintaining the existing chronological scheme.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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