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House Bill 690

(Delegate Edelson, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

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**Maryland African American Museum Corporation - Board of Directors -
Membership**

This bill alters the membership of the board of directors of the Maryland African American Museum Corporation (MAAMC) by reducing the number of members from 37 to 25. Instead of the chairman (or designee) of the Commission on African American History and Culture serving as a member of the board, the commission must approve one member. The bill also adds one member of the board appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the Speaker of the House.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: The bill is does not directly affect local government operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapters 428 and 429 of 1998 established MAAMC to plan, develop, and manage the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture in Baltimore City. MAAMC’s mission is to be a resource regarding the lives of African American Marylanders by collecting, preserving, interpreting, documenting, and exhibiting contributions that represent their history. The corporation is a public instrumentality and an independent unit of the Executive Branch. A 37-member board of directors manages the corporation’s affairs, including 28 members appointed by the Governor who have expertise in African American history, culture, museums, or

fundraising, or who represent the diversity of communities throughout the State. The bill reduces this number of appointees to 19, among other changes.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: SB 332 (Senator Hayes) - Education, Energy, and the Environment.

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