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Senate Bill 214

(Chair, Finance Committee)(By Request - Departmental -
Commerce)

Finance

Ways and Means

Maryland Military Installation Council - Membership

This departmental bill increases the membership of the Maryland Military Installation Council (MMIC) and updates obsolete references. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for new MMIC members are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

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

Small Business Effect: The Department of Commerce has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: To address an excess capacity of military facilities, the U.S. Congress created a process in 1990 known as Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). The most recent round of plans regarding military installations nationwide became effective in November 2005. Chapter 335 of 2003 created the Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council. After the approval of the 2005 BRAC plans, the State renamed the council to be MMIC.

MMIC membership consists of various State Legislative and Executive Branch officials, members of the public, and presidents of military installation community organizations. The chair of MMIC may also appoint additional members and *ex officio* members, as

specified. An MMIC member may not receive compensation as a member of the council but is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses.

MMIC is charged with identifying:

- public infrastructure and other community support necessary to improve mission efficiencies and develop existing installations in the State;
- existing and potential impacts of encroachment on military installations in Maryland;
- potential State and community actions that may minimize the impacts of encroachment and enhance the long-term potential of military installations; and
- opportunities for collaboration among military contractors, academic institutions, local governments, the State, and military departments.

MMIC is also charged with reviewing State policies to identify actions necessary to provide State and local government support to the mission of each military installation in Maryland and to research how jurisdictions have addressed encroachment and partnership formation.

Background: Commerce advises that the three new MMIC members will allow the council to better coordinate on issues relating to workforce, child care and education, housing, and other important issues for Maryland’s service members and their families. Other changes in the bill align statute with the current names of certain groups.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Commerce; Maryland State Department of Education; Maryland Department of Labor; Charles County; Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT OF SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Maryland Military Installation Council - Membership

BILL NUMBER: SB0214

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PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS

OR

WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

This proposal would add three new members to the Maryland Military Installation Council (MMIC). These new members (The Secretary of Labor, the State Superintendent of Schools, and a military spouse representative) will allow MMIC to better coordinate on issues relating to workforce, childcare and education, housing, and other important issues for Maryland's servicemembers and their families. This increased coordination should indirectly improve outcomes for Maryland small businesses (e.g., solving workforce barriers for military spouses could increase labor supply), though these outcomes are not the primary focus of MMIC.