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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
First Reader

House Bill 971  
Appropriations

(Delegate Pruski)

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Anne Arundel County Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Advisory Committee

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This bill establishes the Anne Arundel County Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park Advisory Committee. The committee must (1) act as an advisory body and provide advice on the planning process for Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park; (2) make recommendations regarding the development of the memorial park; (3) collect and compile public input on the development of the memorial park; and (4) make recommendations to ensure the memorial park is a place that focuses on specified goals for the park. By February 1 each year, the committee must report its achievements, findings, and recommendations to the Anne Arundel County Executive, the Anne Arundel County Council, and the Anne Arundel County Delegation. **The bill terminates September 30, 2030.**

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Fiscal Summary

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

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect Anne Arundel County operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Crownsville Hospital Center, located in Anne Arundel County, served as a State-run psychiatric hospital from 1911 until it was closed in 2004. The hospital was first established for African American patients and remained racially segregated until 1963. In December 2022, Anne Arundel County acquired the Crownsville Hospital property from

the State. Following the acquisition, the county renamed the property the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park and began a master plan process to envision the future of the site. In September 2023, the Anne Arundel County Executive signed an executive order to create the Crownsville Advisory Committee for the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park. On February 12, 2025, Anne Arundel County government released the final master plan report for the [Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park](#). Additional information about the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park is available on the county government's [website](#).

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### **Additional Information**

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

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Anne Arundel County; Department of Legislative Services

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