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House Bill 372 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Environment and Transportation

Prince George's Gateway Development Authority - Sunset Repeal
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This bill repeals the sunset provisions of Chapters 466 and 467 of 2023 that established the Prince George’s Gateway Development Authority, thereby making the authority permanent.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Prince George’s County operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapters 466 and 467 established the Prince George’s Gateway Development Authority for the five-year period ending September 30, 2028. The authority must support the development and approval of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan to benefit the residents, housing, neighborhoods, economic development, and transportation, including motor vehicles and pedestrians, in the “target area” of the county. The “target area” encompasses the cities of Mount Rainier and Bladensburg, and the towns of Brentwood, Cottage City, Colmar Manor, and North Brentwood.

The authority consists primarily of State and local government officials, or their designees. Authority members may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses. The authority may manage any funds appropriated from municipalities in the target area, Prince George's County, and the State (but there is no requirement for such funding). The authority may also receive donated services from accountants, lawyers, or other consultants as necessary. Accordingly, the authority may supervise, manage, and terminate staff and consultants as necessary.

By October 31, 2025, the authority must report its comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy to the Governor, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee.

Additional Comments: Though the bill only repeals the termination date of Chapters 466 and 467, there may be an expectation of future funding. As a recent example, the fiscal 2026 budget as introduced includes \$22.4 million in general funds for the West North Avenue Development Authority, which was established in 2021 for a similar purpose and tasked with similar responsibilities (and also without a funding mandate), primarily to hire staff and fund/initiate development projects along West North Avenue in Baltimore City.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: None.

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