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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

Senate Joint Resolution 4 (Senator A. Washington, *et al.*)  
Education, Energy, and the Environment

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**Anti-Nuclear Proliferation Resolution**

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This joint resolution states that the General Assembly joins the seven state legislative bodies and over 75 municipalities and counties, including Baltimore, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties, and Washington, DC, in passing a Back from the Brink resolution. The joint resolution urges members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation to cosponsor a new resolution that embraces the goals and provisions of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the Back from the Brink resolution. The joint resolution further urges the U.S. President and the U.S. Senate to endorse the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The joint resolution does not directly affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The United States Constitution divides war powers between the U.S. Congress and the U.S. President. Pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution, Congress has power to declare war. In turn, Article II, Section 2 establishes the President as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

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## Additional Information

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See SJ 4 and HJ 6 of 2025 and SJ 2 and HJ 3 of 2024.

**Designated Cross File:** HJ 7 (Delegate Williams, *et al.*) - Rules and Executive Nominations.

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