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BILL TITLE: Nonprofit Organizations Navigator - Termination Provision - Repeal
COMMITTEE: House Government, Labor, and Elections
POSITION: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

HB 147 repeals the June 30, 2027 termination date of the nonprofit organizations navigator position within the Department of Commerce. Commerce provides the following information should it be helpful to the Committee in consideration of this legislation.

Chapter 314, Acts of 2025, established the nonprofit organizations navigator position within the Department of Commerce. The purpose of the navigator is to provide technical assistance and work with nonprofits and units of State government to resolve complexities and delays in State grant-making processes. The navigator also represents nonprofits as a member of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council.

To date, the nonprofit navigator has provided 34 direct support appointments, categorized by two primary service types:

- **Grant Navigation Services:** 3 organizations received help resolving post-award administrative roadblocks or payment delays with existing State grants.
- **Find & Apply Assistance:** 31 direct support appointments completed to assist in identifying and applying for new funding opportunities and providing technical assistance.

Through efforts to assist in the navigation of awarded State funding, a total of \$350,000 in funding has been moved through the State system and into the hands of nonprofits awaiting these funds.

Navigator services have supported organizations across 12 jurisdictions including:

- **Baltimore City:** 11 organizations
- **Montgomery County:** 5 organizations
- **Baltimore, Cecil, Howard, St. Mary's, and Wicomico Counties:** 2 organizations each
- **Anne Arundel, Charles, Harford, Prince George's, and Queen Anne's Counties:** 1 organization each
- **DC-Based/MD-Serving:** 1 organization

A training in partnership with Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) held on January 20th saw 145 registered attendees. The nonprofit navigator has also worked to create and distribute 10 general education flyers and training documents to ensure applicants receive the necessary knowledge to apply and successfully compete for grants, which have been shared across State agencies.