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House Bill 942
Appropriations

(Delegate Lehman)

Anne Arundel County - School Construction Master Plan Workgroup

This bill establishes the Anne Arundel County School Construction Master Plan Workgroup to make recommendations regarding the county's educational facilities master plan. The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) must provide staff to the workgroup. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2019, and terminates June 30, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. DLS can staff the workgroup with existing resources. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: The bill does not affect Anne Arundel County operations or finances. Anne Arundel County elected officials can participate in the workgroup using existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: Based on its review of the county's most recent Educational Facilities Master Plan, the workgroup must make recommendations regarding:

- options to meet identified needs at lower costs;
- methods to improve the maintenance and rehabilitation of public schools in Anne Arundel County; and
- options to increase cost sharing.

By December 31, 2019, the workgroup must report its findings and recommendations to:

- the Anne Arundel County Executive;
- the Anne Arundel County Council;
- the Anne Arundel County Board of Education;
- the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC); and
- the Anne Arundel County legislative delegations.

Current Law/Background: By July 1 of every year, each local school system must develop and submit to IAC an educational facilities master plan, which is a written plan that is approved by the local school board and that includes:

- educational goals, standards, and guidelines;
- community analysis so that the plan conforms to county and municipal comprehensive plans and growth management strategies;
- an inventory and evaluation of existing school buildings;
- current and projected enrollment data;
- analysis of future school facility needs;
- policies for co-location, shared use, and shared cost of existing and planned school facilities;
- policies to address school capacity needs in planned growth areas; and
- policies addressing current and planned transportation for students, administrators, and teachers per school.

In submitting requests for planning and funding approval to IAC, a local school board must demonstrate that the requests are consistent with the most recent educational facilities master plan.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 589 (Senator Rosapepe) - Budget and Taxation.

Information Source(s): Anne Arundel County; Public School Construction Program; Anne Arundel County Public Schools; Department of Legislative Services

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