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Prince George's County Local Management Board - Strategic Plan, Report, and Study
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This bill requires the Prince George's County Local Management Board (LMB), by January 1, 2018, to (1) develop and implement a strategic plan to raise revenues to match the total funding provided by the Governor's Office for Children (GOC) and (2) submit the plan to specified entities. By January 1 of each year, the Prince George's County LMB must also submit a report on the total revenue received in the previous fiscal year and the total revenue from each source to those entities. The bill also requires Prince George's County to (1) study the feasibility of converting the county's LMB into a quasi-public nonprofit corporation that is not an instrumentality of the county government; (2) study the extent to which quasi-public nonprofit LMBs have been able to leverage funds in addition to those provided by GOC; and (3) report its findings and recommendations to specified entities by December 1, 2017.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County can develop and submit the required strategic plan, complete the required studies, and submit the required reports using existing resources. To the extent the strategic plan is successful in identifying additional sources of funding for the LMB, local revenues and expenditures may increase.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Each county must establish and maintain an LMB to ensure the implementation of a local interagency service delivery system for children, youth, and families. A county may designate as an LMB a quasi-public nonprofit corporation that is not an instrumentality of the county government or a public agency that is an instrumentality of the county government. As of January 2016, only four of Maryland's LMBs were nonprofit entities: Baltimore City and Allegany, Caroline, and Montgomery counties.

LMBs are the neutral conveners in each jurisdiction to stimulate local action by State and local government, public and private providers, business and industry, and community residents to build an effective system of services, supports, and opportunities that improve outcomes for children, youth, and families. LMBs plan, coordinate, implement, and manage local interagency service delivery systems for children, youth, and families.

Funding for LMBs generally comes from State agencies and the Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund (CCIF), which is administered by GOC. Some jurisdictions also use a combination of other sources, including federal funds, private grants, and earned reinvestment – State general fund dollars that LMBs “earn” from administrative funds and interest income in accordance with guidelines from GOC and the Children's Cabinet.

The Prince George's County LMB, administratively located within the county's Department of Family Services, is known as the Commission for Children, Youth, and Families. For fiscal 2011 through 2015 combined (the latest information readily available), the sources of funds for the Prince George's County LMB were 47% State agencies, 26% CCIF/GOC, 13% Prince George's County, 12% earned reinvestment, and 1% federal funds.

Local Fiscal Effect: GOC advises that in fiscal 2017, the Prince George's County LMB received a grant of \$1,724,396 from CCIF. Assuming that this amount remains relatively consistent, the strategic plan developed by the Prince George's County LMB will need to raise this amount of additional funding each year. The development and submission of a strategic plan can be done with existing resources. To the extent that the strategic plan is successful in identifying additional funds, local revenues and expenditures may increase. Local expenditures may also increase to the extent that additional sources of identified funding require matching funds.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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