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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader

Senate Bill 105

(Chair, Finance Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Health)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders – Membership and Appointments

This departmental bill reduces the number of nonvoting members on the State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders, alters the list of entities that must be represented on the council, and requires the Secretary of Health, rather than the Governor, to appoint specified voting members to the advisory council.

Uncodified language prohibits the Secretary from appointing voting members to the advisory council until the term of a voting member serving on the effective date of the bill expires, or unless the seat is vacant. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Secretary of Health can make appointments to the advisory council using existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Maryland Department of Health has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill reduces, from five to four, the number of nonvoting members on the council by eliminating a seat reserved for a representative of the State Health Planning

and Development Agency, an agency which no longer exists. The bill also alters the list of specific entities that must be represented on the council, repealing the requirement that the Monumental City Medical Society be represented, instead requiring that the Children's National Health System be represented.

Current Law/Background: The council consists of 11 voting members and 5 nonvoting members. The mission of the council is to ensure that the policies and programs offered by the State to its citizens with hereditary and congenital disorders preserve and protect their freedom, health, and well-being. Generally, council duties include:

- gathering and providing information to further the public's understanding of hereditary and congenital disorders;
- continually reevaluating the need for and the effectiveness of State hereditary and congenital disorders programs;
- advising the Secretary as to the need for rules, regulations, and standards for the detection and management of hereditary and congenital disorders;
- participating actively in the development of regulations adopted by the Maryland Department of Health; and
- assisting the department in prioritizing its efforts.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Governor's Office; Maryland Department of Health; State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders; Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

**Department of Health
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TITLE: State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders – Membership and Appointment

PREPARED BY: Prevention and Health Promotion Administration

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PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

 X WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS

OR

 WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

There is no fiscal impact. However, there will be a minimal operational impact on the Department of Health as the result of voting members being appointed by the Secretary of Health instead of the Governor.