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House Bill 6

(Delegate Feldmark)

Ways and Means

Finance

**Economic Development - Maryland Technology Development Corporation -
Alterations**

This bill adds four members to the board of directors of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO), requires at least one of the two existing board members representing colleges and universities to represent an historically black college or university, and specifies that any single college or university may not be represented on the board for more than two consecutive terms. The two-term limit applies only to terms being served after the effective date of the bill. Of the four additional members, two are appointed by the President of the Senate and two are appointed by the Speaker of the House. The bill also renames TEDCO's Executive Director position to be Chief Executive Officer. Requirements and duties of the position are otherwise unchanged. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State finances or operations and is generally administrative in nature.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: TEDCO is managed by a 15-member board of directors, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. TEDCO must employ an executive director, who must have experience with and possess qualifications relevant to the activities

and purposes of the corporation. The executive director, or the director's designee, serves on the Maryland Economic Development Commission and several other technology/economic development advisory bodies.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 308 of 2020, a similar bill, was referred to the Senate Finance Committee, but no further action was taken. Its cross file, HB 1002, passed the House with amendments and was referred to the Senate Finance Committee, but no further action was taken.

Designated Cross File: SB 80 (Senator Kagan) - Finance.

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