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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 988 (Delegate Rosenberg)  
Ways and Means and Appropriations

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**Horse Racing – Development of Pimlico Racing Facility Communities –  
Memorandum of Understanding**

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This bill alters a specified memorandum of understanding (MOU) as required by Chapter 590 of 2020 by adding the neighborhoods included in the Northwest Community Planning Forum Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan to be among the groups consulted by the Baltimore Development Corporation, the Maryland Jockey Club, and LifeBridge Health. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2021.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill does not alter State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 590 of 2020 provided for the redevelopment of Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore City and Laurel Park in Anne Arundel County and for the conveyance of the Bowie Race Course Training Center. Chapter 590 also provided for bond issuances, funding mechanisms and fund transfers, the ownership and management of racing facilities, and specified tax incentives.

In addition, Chapter 590 required the Baltimore Development Corporation, the Maryland Jockey Club, and LifeBridge Health to enter into an MOU that contains the following provisions:

- reasonable collaboration activity among the parties during the early stages of development of the Pimlico site;
- reasonable notification requirements among the parties to identify material construction schedules related to planned infrastructure and improvements, including timing and types of work contemplated by the parties, any potential interruption to utilities serving the properties, and mutual parking needs;
- an agreement to cooperate during construction to avoid, as much as practical, disruption to the business activities and operations of the parties;
- an agreement to consult with the Pimlico Community Development Authority and the communities within the boundaries of the Park Heights Master Plan regarding development and construction on any part of the Pimlico site that is not part of the racing facility; and
- any other provisions agreed to by the parties.

The Maryland Stadium Authority is prohibited from beginning construction on the Pimlico site until the MOU is entered into.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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