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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
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House Bill 463

(Delegate A. Johnson, *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Education, Energy, and the Environment

State Board of Architects - Sunset Extension

This bill extends the termination date for the State Board of Architects within the Maryland Department of Labor by 10 years to July 1, 2028.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund revenues and expenditures for the board are maintained through FY 2028.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The State Board of Architects qualifies and licenses individuals seeking architectural licensure. The board also issues permit to businesses practicing architecture. In addition, the board investigates complaints against licensees as well as complaints related to the unlicensed practice of architecture services. The board may issue a reprimand, suspend, or revoke a license or permit, and/or impose a fine.

The board is 1 of approximately 60 regulatory entities and activities subject to termination unless reauthorized periodically through statute. Under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, these entities may also be subject to an evaluation by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) within the Department of Legislative Services prior to their termination. However, OPEGA may conduct an evaluation only if directed

by specified entities or by legislation. The board is scheduled to terminate July 1, 2023; OPEGA was not asked to conduct an evaluation prior to its termination. Accordingly, reauthorizing legislation is being introduced.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See SB 199 of 2022.

Designated Cross File: None.

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