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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

House Joint Resolution 4 (The Speaker)

Rules and Executive Nominations

Rules

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**Locating the New Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters in Maryland**

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This joint resolution urges the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to select for the new Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters one of the two finalist sites located in Maryland.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Compliance with the joint resolution does not directly affect State finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** Compliance with the joint resolution does not directly affect local finances or operations.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** Generally, FBI enforces federal law and investigates criminal activity including terrorism, cybercrime, white collar crimes, public corruption, civil rights violations, and other major crimes. The J. Edgar Hoover Building in Washington, DC is the current FBI headquarters (among other satellite offices in the area). The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) reported in [November 2011](#) that the current FBI headquarters does not fully support the FBI's long-term security, space, and building condition requirements. GAO further reported, among other solutions, the need for the creation of a new consolidated FBI headquarters. The FBI concurred with GAO's recommendations in that report.

As noted in the preamble, GSA and FBI are still in the process of selecting a location for a new consolidated FBI headquarters. The U.S. Congress directed GSA in the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2022 to select a new headquarters site from three finalist sites: Greenbelt, Maryland; Landover, Maryland; and Springfield, Virginia.

**Additional Comments:** Though the joint resolution does not have a direct fiscal impact on State or local finances, Prince George's County advises of significant economic benefits should GSA and FBI choose the county as the home for the new FBI headquarters.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** SJ 5 (The President and Senator A. Washington) - Rules.

**Information Source(s):** Prince George's County; U.S. Government Accountability Office; Department of Legislative Services

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