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

House Bill 573

(Delegate Simmons, *et al.*)

Environment and Transportation

Finance

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**Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding  
Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport - Membership**

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This bill increases the number of members on the Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) Thurgood Marshall Airport from 11 members to 12 members. Instead of 1 member of the committee being recommended to the Secretary of Transportation for appointment by the delegates representing district 12, the bill requires 1 member of the committee to be recommended by the delegates representing district 12A and 1 member of the committee to be recommended by the delegate representing district 12B.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 589 of 2001 established the Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport to evaluate livability issues that affect communities in and near certified airport noise zones (ANZs), develop projects to address transportation issues that affect livability in those communities, and make recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation for project funding. The committee is staffed by the Maryland Department of Transportation.

The committee consists of 11 members who are appointed by the Secretary after recommendation by the members of the legislative delegation from legislative districts 12, 13, and 32 as follows:

- two members must be recommended by each of the delegates representing district 32;
- one member must be recommended by the delegates representing district 12;
- one member must be recommended by the delegates representing district 13; and
- three members must be recommended by the senator representing district 32.

Committee members must be representatives of community associations that are either wholly or partially situated (1) in the certified ANZ that was effective March 23, 1998, for BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport or (2) in a border extending two miles outside the certified ANZ.

The Secretary must consider the recommendations made by the committee and may make grants-in-aid to fund any recommended projects. Moreover, the Secretary must identify in the department's annual budget specific funding for such grants. The amount budgeted must include an amount equal to at least \$1 for every takeoff and landing of an aircraft that occurs at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport for the most recent available calendar year.

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### **Additional Information**

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

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Legislative Services

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