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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 655 (Senators Muse and Kramer)
Budget and Taxation

**Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a State Police Barrack in
Legislative District 26**

This bill creates the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a State Police Barrack in Legislative District 26, staffed by the Department of State Police (DSP). The bill provides for the composition of the task force and requires the Secretary of State Police to designate two co-chairs of the task force in a specified manner. A member of the task force may not receive compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses.

The task force must assess the operating and capital costs of a barrack and the needs of local residents and businesses for the barrack. The task force must report to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2008.

The bill is effective on July 1, 2007 and its provisions terminate after June 30, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs by DSP are assumed to be minimal and absorbable with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Legislative District 26 consists of part of Prince George's County, and includes the following election districts and precincts:

- Election District 5, precincts 2, 3, 5-7;
- Election District 6, precincts 2, 8, 13, 17;
- Election District 9, precincts 2, 5; and
- Election District 12.

Background: There are currently two State Police barracks in Prince George's County; one in Forestville and one in College Park. The total planning, construction, and equipment costs for a new barrack in Easton (completed in fiscal 2005) was about \$6 million. The estimated total planning, construction, and equipment cost for a new barrack in Hagerstown (including a crime lab) is about \$15.9 million.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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