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House Bill 1172
Economic Matters

(Howard County Delegation)

Howard County - Economic Development Authority - Alterations
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This bill alters provisions of the Public Local Laws of Howard County pertaining to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Economic Development Authority. The bill decreases, from once a month to once every other month, the frequency at which the board must meet. The bill repeals the requirement that the Chairman of the Mid-Maryland Private Industry Council designate a county private sector representative from the council to serve as an *ex officio* nonvoting member of the board and makes conforming changes. The bill also clarifies that the executive director of the board is the chief executive officer of the authority.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Howard County operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The board consists of 13 voting members who are appointed by the county executive with the approval of the county council.

The Chairman of the Mid-Maryland Private Industry Council must designate a county private sector representative from the council to be an *ex officio* nonvoting member of the board.

The board must meet at least once each month at the times and places that it determines and more often at the call of the chair.

The county executive, subject to approval of the board, must nominate one or more candidates to serve as executive director, who is the chief administrative officer of the authority.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Howard County; Department of Legislative Services

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