

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB1116

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Whipple

3. Committee Agriculture, Conservation, & Natural Resources

4. Title Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act

5. Summary/Purpose:

Abolishes the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department (CBLAD) and places responsibility for administering the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). The Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board continues as the policy-making board for implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are preliminary.

See item 8, below.

7. Budget amendment necessary:

Yes, items 377 and 380. See item 8, below.

8. Fiscal implications:

Language providing for the proposed merger of CBLAD into DCR is included in SB1116. According to the language, contingent upon legislation amending the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget is to develop an operating plan to merge the two agencies and thereby transfer what are currently CBLAD's core responsibilities to DCR. At its current level of funding, DCR does not have resources that can be reassigned to effectively implement the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

10. Technical amendment necessary:

No.

11. Other comments:

None.

Date: 01/15 /03/tmw

Document: G:\2003Session \ImpactStatements \SB1116.Doc Toni Walker

cc: Secretary of Natural Resources