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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: AUTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT MASTER PLAN INCLUDE WATER PLAN GOAL

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Possible workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, local governments and other public water suppliers are required to adopt a water use master plan to encourage the efficient use of publicly supplied water among consumers. These water plans are then incorporated into county and municipal master development plans.

If a local government's master plan includes a water element, this bill requires that the element include water conservation policies, which may include goals specified in the state water plan, and may also include policies to implement water conservation and other state water plan goals as a condition of development approvals, including subdivisions, planned unit developments, special use permits, and zoning changes.

For municipalities and counties that are required to adopt a master plan that includes a water supply element, water conservation policies must be adopted by December 31, 2018.

State Expenditures

This bill minimally increases workload in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Local governments frequently review and update their master plans. Should a local government choose to update its master plan to include water conservation goals, DOLA staff time may be needed to provide training and technical assistance to planners on the water supply element of master plans. DNR staff time may also be needed to provide information to local governments about the state water plan. This workload is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government Impact

Workload and costs will increase for a local government that chooses to update its master plan to include water conservation goals. This includes staff resources and possible consultant fees to review and update the master plan, posting public notices about proposed changes, and staff time to prepare for and hold public meetings. Special district staff time could also be required to provide water use and supply data for local governments. Local governments already have the ability to include water supply elements in their master plans and master plans are reviewed and updated on a frequent basis. Therefore, any increase in costs or workload is expected to be minimal and at the discretion of local governments.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed, and applies to master plans adopted or amended on or after this date.

State and Local Government Contacts

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