BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 4644 By: Bell, Cecil County Affairs Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that an area located within Montgomery County would benefit from the creation of a management district. H.B. 4644 seeks to provide for the creation of such a district.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 4644 amends the Special District Local Laws Code to create the Wood Trace Management District of Montgomery County, Texas, to provide certain improvements, projects, and services for public use and benefit. The bill provides for, among other provisions, recreational facilities, road projects, strategic partnership agreements, regional participation agreements, the addition and exclusion of land by the district, an audit exemption, and the dissolution of the district. The bill sets out the district's powers and duties, which include, subject to certain requirements, the authority to issue obligations and impose assessments and property, operation and maintenance, sales and use, and hotel occupancy taxes. The bill prohibits the district from exercising the power of eminent domain.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.