

# SENATE BILL 628

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By: **Senator Hershey**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly Standing Committees – Recorded Votes and Written**  
3 **Testimony**

4 FOR the purpose of codifying certain rules that require a standing committee of the General  
5 Assembly to deliver to the Department of Legislative Services certain recorded votes  
6 before reporting a certain bill or resolution to the floor; requiring a standing  
7 committee to deliver certain written testimony to the Department before reporting a  
8 certain bill or resolution to the floor; codifying certain rules that require the  
9 Department to make available certain recorded votes on the General Assembly Web  
10 site within a certain period of time; requiring the Department to make available  
11 certain recorded votes and written testimony to certain members of the General  
12 Assembly before a certain bill or resolution is reported to the floor; requiring the  
13 Department to link certain recorded votes and written testimony to a certain bill or  
14 resolution and maintain the recorded votes and written testimony as permanent  
15 public records; and generally relating to recorded votes taken by and written  
16 testimony submitted to standing committees of the General Assembly.

17 BY adding to  
18 Article – State Government  
19 Section 2–1106 and 2–1250  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – State Government**

25 **2–1106.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **BEFORE A BILL OR RESOLUTION IS REPORTED TO THE FLOOR BY A STANDING**  
2 **COMMITTEE, THE STANDING COMMITTEE SHALL DELIVER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
3 **LEGISLATIVE SERVICES:**

4           **(1) THE RECORDED COMMITTEE VOTE ON THE BILL OR RESOLUTION;**  
5 **AND**

6           **(2) ANY WRITTEN TESTIMONY RELATED TO THE BILL OR RESOLUTION**  
7 **THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE.**

8 **2-1250.**

9           **(A) BEFORE A BILL OR RESOLUTION IS REPORTED TO THE FLOOR BY A**  
10 **STANDING COMMITTEE IN EITHER HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE**  
11 **DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO EACH MEMBER OF THE HOUSE THE**  
12 **RECORDED COMMITTEE VOTE AND WRITTEN TESTIMONY RELATED TO THE BILL OR**  
13 **RESOLUTION THAT IS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 2-1106 OF THIS**  
14 **TITLE.**

15           **(B) (1) WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER A VOTING SESSION IN A STANDING**  
16 **COMMITTEE ON A BILL OR RESOLUTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH ON THE**  
17 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEB SITE THE RECORDED COMMITTEE VOTE AND ANY**  
18 **WRITTEN TESTIMONY RELATED TO THE BILL OR RESOLUTION THAT IS SUBMITTED**  
19 **TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 2-1106 OF THIS TITLE.**

20           **(2) FOR ANY RECORDED VOTES OR WRITTEN TESTIMONY PUBLISHED**  
21 **ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEB SITE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF**  
22 **THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

23           **(I) LINK THE RECORDED VOTE AND WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO**  
24 **THE RELATED BILL OR RESOLUTION; AND**

25           **(II) MAINTAIN THE RECORDED VOTE AND WRITTEN TESTIMONY**  
26 **AS PERMANENT PUBLIC RECORDS.**

27           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
28 **October 1, 2016.**