

# SENATE BILL 391

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By: **Senators Hershey and Smith**

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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 – Posting of Written Testimony on**  
3 **Web Site**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a standing committee of the General Assembly to deliver  
5 certain written testimony to the Department of Legislative Services before reporting  
6 a certain bill or resolution to the floor; requiring the Department to publish certain  
7 written testimony on the General Assembly Web site within a certain time period  
8 and link certain written testimony to a certain bill or resolution; and generally  
9 relating to written testimony submitted to standing committees of the General  
10 Assembly.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – State Government  
13 Section 2–1106 and 2–1250  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – State Government**

19 **2–1106.**

20 **BEFORE A BILL OR RESOLUTION IS REPORTED TO THE FLOOR BY A STANDING**  
21 **COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE STANDING COMMITTEE SHALL**  
22 **DELIVER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES ANY WRITTEN**  
23 **TESTIMONY RELATED TO THE BILL OR RESOLUTION THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE**  
24 **STANDING COMMITTEE.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **2-1250.**

2       **(A) WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER A VOTING SESSION IN A STANDING COMMITTEE**  
3 **OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON A BILL OR RESOLUTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL**  
4 **PUBLISH ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEB SITE ANY WRITTEN TESTIMONY**  
5 **RELATED TO THE BILL OR RESOLUTION THAT IS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT**  
6 **UNDER § 2-1106 OF THIS TITLE.**

7       **(B) FOR ANY WRITTEN TESTIMONY PUBLISHED ON THE GENERAL**  
8 **ASSEMBLY WEB SITE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE**  
9 **DEPARTMENT SHALL LINK THE WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE RELATED BILL OR**  
10 **RESOLUTION.**

11       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2017.