

SENATE BILL 559

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Study – Protecting Unemployed Maryland During the Next Recession**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Spending Affordability Committee, on or before a certain
4 date, to study certain information and make certain recommendations to the
5 Governor and the General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Act; and
6 generally relating to a study by the Spending Affordability Committee.

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
8 That:

9 (a) The Spending Affordability Committee shall:

10 (1) study the impact of a recession on the utilization of social safety net
11 programs; and

12 (2) make recommendations regarding:

13 (i) establishing subaccounts in the State Reserve Fund to be used
14 during a recession to avoid a reduction in social safety net programs;

15 (ii) requiring the Governor to appropriate funds to the subaccounts
16 during times of economic expansion; and

17 (iii) determining when it is appropriate to access funds in the
18 subaccounts.

19 (b) On or before December 31, 2019, the Spending Affordability Committee shall
20 report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246
21 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2020, this
2 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
3 further force and effect.