

**SB0644/493320/1**

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 644  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**State Procurement – Preferences –**” and substitute “**Department of General Services – Study on Procurement Preferences for Businesses in**”; in lines 2 and 3, strike “**Zone Businesses**” and substitute “**Zones**”; strike beginning with “a unit” in line 4 down through “Program” in line 13 and substitute “the Department of General Services, in consultation with the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to study the feasibility and impacts of establishing a State procurement preference for businesses located in historically underutilized business zones”; in line 14, after “to” insert “a study on”; and strike in their entirety lines 16 through 26, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 1 through line 15 on page 7, inclusive, and substitute:

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

(a) The Department of General Services, in consultation with the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, shall study the feasibility and impacts of establishing a State procurement percentage preference for businesses located in historically underutilized business zones, including:

(1) the potential benefits to businesses in historically underutilized business zones;

(2) the costs of establishing and administering the preference;

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(3) how to best track and report participation of historically underutilized business zone business; and

(4) any other issue relating to the establishment of a State procurement preference for businesses located in historically underutilized business zones.

(b) On or before December 1, 2022, the Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.”.

On page 7, strike line 17 in its entirety and substitute “June 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.