

SENATE BILL 116

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By: **Senator Hettleman**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Board of Public Works – Contract Review – Climate and Sustainability**
3 **Information**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a State agency to provide certain climate and sustainability
5 information on submission of a certain contract award recommendation to the Board
6 of Public Works; requiring certain liaisons to the Board to ensure compliance with
7 this Act; requiring the climate and sustainability information to be placed on the
8 Board agenda; and generally relating to the Board of Public Works and climate and
9 sustainability.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – State Finance and Procurement
12 Section 10–101
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – State Finance and Procurement
17 Section 10–208
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

23 10–101.

24 In this title, “Board” means the Board of Public Works.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **10-208.**

2 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF
3 CONTRACTS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD FOR ITS APPROVAL:

4 (1) ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES;

5 (2) CONSTRUCTION;

6 (3) ENERGY PERFORMANCE;

7 (4) GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS;

8 (5) LANDLORD LEASE; AND

9 (6) TENANT LEASE.

10 (B) THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE AN AGENCY TO PROVIDE, TO THE EXTENT
11 APPLICABLE, THE FOLLOWING CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY INFORMATION ON
12 SUBMISSION OF A CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD:

13 (1) IF THE CONTRACT CONTRIBUTES TO THE STATE'S GREENHOUSE
14 GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION OR NET-ZERO CARBON GOALS, HOW THOSE BENEFITS
15 ARE ATTAINED;

16 (2) HOW THE CONTRACT PROVIDES FOR RESILIENCE ADAPTATION TO
17 PROJECTED CLIMATE CHANGE AND EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS OVER THE TERM OR
18 THE USEFUL LIFE OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES;

19 (3) HOW THE CONTRACT ADVANCES THE STATE'S GOALS AND
20 LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE MITIGATION, ADAPTATION, RESILIENCY, OR INNOVATION
21 FOR SUSTAINABLY SOURCED SUPPLIES OR SERVICES;

22 (4) HOW THE CONTRACT INCLUDES SUPPLIES OR SERVICES THAT ARE
23 ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE, AS DEFINED BY THE MARYLAND GREEN
24 PURCHASING COMMITTEE UNDER § 14-410 OF THIS ARTICLE;

25 (5) HOW THE CONTRACT INCORPORATES ASPECTS OF DESIGN OR
26 CONSTRUCTION THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE
27 MARYLAND GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL; AND

1 **(6) HOW THE CONTRACT INCORPORATES ASPECTS OF DESIGN OR**
2 **CONSTRUCTION THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT OF THE HIGH**
3 **PERFORMANCE BUILDING REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 3-602.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

4 **(C) THE LIAISONS TO THE BOARD FROM THE OFFICES OF THE GOVERNOR,**
5 **THE COMPTROLLER, AND THE STATE TREASURER SHALL:**

6 **(1) ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS**
7 **SECTION; AND**

8 **(2) ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION**
9 **APPEARS ON THE AGENDA OF THE BOARD WHEN THE CONTRACT IS TO BE**
10 **CONSIDERED.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2026.