

SENATE BILL 135

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Energy, and the Environment/Environment and Transportation* —

Introduced by **Senators Ellis and McKay**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workgroup to Study Funding for the Westernport Wastewater Treatment**
3 **Facility – Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup to Study Funding for the Westernport
5 Wastewater Treatment Facility; and generally relating to the Workgroup to Study
6 Funding for the Westernport Wastewater Treatment Facility.

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

9 (a) There is a Workgroup to Study Funding for the Westernport Wastewater
10 Treatment Facility.

11 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



~~(1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;~~

~~(2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;~~

~~(3)~~ (1) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

~~(4)~~ (2) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

~~(5)~~ (3) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;

~~(6)~~ (4) the Mayor of Westernport;

~~(7)~~ (5) one member from the Board of County Commissioners for Allegany County;

~~(8)~~ (6) the Director of Public Works for Allegany County;

~~(9)~~ (7) the Chair of the Upper Potomac River Commission; and

~~(10)~~ (8) a member of the Upper Potomac River Commission who is not the Chair.

(c) The Chair of the Upper Potomac River Commission shall designate the chair of the Workgroup.

(d) The Department of the Environment shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

(e) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Workgroup shall:

(1) identify and study the existing funding sources that support the Westernport Wastewater Treatment Facility;

(2) study whether increased funding could enhance operations at the Westernport Wastewater Treatment Facility;

(3) study the funding sources of comparable wastewater treatment facilities in the mid-Atlantic region;

1 (4) study available and potential federal, State, and local funding sources
2 for the Westernport Wastewater Treatment Facility; and

3 (5) make recommendations regarding:

4 (i) whether additional funding could improve the operations of the
5 Westernport Wastewater Treatment Facility; and

6 (ii) the existing and prospective federal, State, and local funding
7 sources for the Westernport Wastewater Treatment Facility.

8 (g) On or before December 1, 2024, the Workgroup shall report its findings and
9 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
10 Government Article, the General Assembly.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2025, this
13 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
14 further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.