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First Reader

Senate Bill 524 (Senator M. Washington)
Education, Energy, and the Environment

**General Assembly - Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs - Gender-Neutral
Language**

This bill alters terminology in Title 2 of the State Government Article (General Assembly) so that references to chairman, cochairman, chairmen, cochairmen, and vice chairmen within the Maryland General Assembly are replaced with terms that are gender neutral. The bill also makes conforming changes. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2024.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements can be absorbed within existing budget resources. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, the Maryland Annotated Code does not use gender neutral language to refer to committee leadership positions.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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