BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 673

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "Act" and substitute "Program - Study"; strike beginning with "establishing" in line 3 down through "Program." in line 18 and substitute "requiring the Family Investment Program Advisory Council in the Department of Human Resources to conduct a certain study related to establishing a Maryland Individual Development Account Program; requiring the Family Investment Program Advisory Council to submit a certain report to certain persons by a certain date; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to conducting a study on the establishment of a Maryland Individual Development Account Program."; and strike in their entirety lines 19 through 24, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 2 through line 19 on page 9, inclusive, and substitute:

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

- (a) The Family Investment Program Advisory Council in the Department of Human Resources shall conduct a study and make recommendations on establishing a Maryland Individual Development Account Program within the Department of Human Resources that will be administered by the Secretary of Human Resources.
- (b) As part of its study the Family Investment Program Advisory Council shall consider, among other factors:
- (1) the criteria that an individual would have to satisfy in order to be eligible to establish an individual development account, including income and net worth criteria;

- (2) the criteria that a fiduciary organization would have to satisfy in order to participate in the Maryland Individual Development Account Program;
 - (3) for what purposes an individual development account may be used;
- (4) the level and total amount of matching funds, if any, the State should contribute to individual development accounts; and
- (5) whether to establish the Maryland Individual Development Account Program as a pilot program.
- (c) The Family Investment Program Advisory Council shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform on or before December 31, 1997.".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 9, in line 21, strike "July" and substitute "June"; and strike beginning with "It" in line 21 down through "effect." in line 23.