

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 832

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after "Force;" insert "requiring the Task Force to hire an independent consultant for certain purposes;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 21, strike "13" and substitute "15".

On page 2, in line 11, after "DESIGNEE;" insert:

"(8) ONE COMMISSIONER OF THE WSSC APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY;

(9) ONE COMMISSIONER OF THE WSSC APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY;";

and in line 12, strike "(8)" and substitute "(10)".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 13, after "EXECUTIVES" insert "AND CONFIRMED BY THE RESPECTIVE COUNTY COUNCILS".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 35, after the second "THE" insert "RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL"; in line 36, strike "AND"; and in the same line, after "WSSC" insert ", AND THE TAXPAYERS IN THE SANITARY DISTRICT".

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AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, after line 2 insert:

“(II) ANALYSES OF OPTIONS FOR PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT FOR PROVIDING WATER AND SEWER SERVICES IN THE SANITARY DISTRICT;”;

in line 3, strike “(II)” and substitute “(III)”; and in line 4, after “FACILITIES” insert “OR PORTIONS OF THOSE OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, after line 8, insert:

“(IV) ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS FOR TURNING PORTIONS OF OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES OVER TO PRIVATE ENTITIES, INCLUDING CONTRACTING OUT AND FRANCHISING SERVICES TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN PROVIDING WATER AND SEWER SERVICES;

(V) ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS FOR MAXIMIZING MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION IN THE PRIVATIZATION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES;”.

On page 3, in lines 9, 13, 16, and 19, strike “(III)”, “(IV)”, “(V)”, and “(VI)”, respectively, and substitute “(VI)”, “(VII)”, “(VIII)”, and “(IX)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, in line 18, after “GOVERNMENTS” insert “INCLUDING AN ASSESSMENT OF:

1. THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE WSSC, PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TO IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS AMONG THE ENTITIES ARE SIMILAR OR OVERLAP;

2. THE FEASIBILITY OF COMBINING IDENTIFIED FUNCTIONS UNDER A SINGLE ENTITY FOR IMPROVED EFFICIENCY OR ECONOMIES OF SCALE;

3. THE FEASIBILITY OF RESTRUCTURING WSSC SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES BY COUNTY; AND

4. THE POSSIBLE RESTRUCTURING, DECENTRALIZATION, OR REASSIGNMENT OF ANY FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY ANY ENTITY THAT WOULD RESULT IN IMPROVED EFFICIENCY AND SAVINGS".

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, in line 23, strike the second "AND"; after line 23 insert:

"(X) CONSIDERATION AND ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS FOR GROWTH ALLOCATION AND PRIORITIZATION OF NEW PROJECTS FOR OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES OR PORTIONS OF OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES TURNED OVER TO PRIVATE ENTITIES OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AND";

and in line 24, strike "(VII)" and substitute "(XI)".

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, after line 28 insert:

"(3) EACH RECOMMENDATION SHALL CONTAIN A COST AND BENEFIT ANALYSIS AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. THE COST AND BENEFIT ANALYSIS SHALL INCLUDE THE IMPACT OF EACH RECOMMENDATION ON RESIDENTIAL RATEPAYERS, COMMERCIAL RATEPAYERS, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, ENTITIES REGULATED BY THE WSSC, CURRENT WSSC EMPLOYEES, TAXPAYERS IN THE SANITARY DISTRICT, AND THE EXISTING FINANCING STRUCTURE OF WSSC FACILITIES.";

and in line 29, strike "(3)" and substitute "(4)".

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, in line 34, after "(1)" insert "THE TASK FORCE SHALL HIRE AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT WITH EXPERTISE IN FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT AND VALUATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

(2) THE CONSULTANT SHALL EXAMINE AREAS OF THE WSSC IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE. IF THE CONSULTANT CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE TO EXAMINE AREAS OUTSIDE OF SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, THEN THE TASK FORCE SHALL EXTEND ITS STUDY TO INCLUDE THE AREAS THAT THE CONSULTANT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

(H)”;

and strike beginning with “THE” in line 34 down through “(2)” in line 39.

On page 4, in line 2, strike “JANUARY 1, 2000” and substitute “JULY 1, 1999”; and in line 3, strike “(H)” and substitute “(I)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 4, in line 6, strike “2 years” and substitute “18 months”; and in lines 6 and 7, strike “June 30, 2000” and substitute “December 31, 1999”.