

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 932

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike "Program" and substitute "Fund"; in line 4, strike "creating" and substitute "establishing"; in line 5, strike "Program" and substitute "Fund"; in line 6, after "Works" insert "as a continuing, nonlapsing fund"; strike beginning with "requiring" in line 6 down through "areas;" in line 12 and substitute "providing for the purpose of the Fund; providing that expenditures from the Fund may only be made under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works to designate the Department of Business and Economic Development to administer grant funding under the Fund; establishing the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Board; providing for the composition and duties of the Board; requiring the Board to give certain organizations funding priority under certain circumstances beginning in a certain fiscal year;"; and in line 16, after "Act;" insert "defining certain terms;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 1, strike "BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS" and substitute "MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BOARD"; in line 2, strike "'PROGRAM'" and substitute "FUND"; in line 3, strike "PROGRAM" and substitute "FUND"; in line 6, strike "FRUSTRATION" and substitute "FISCAL DIFFICULTIES"; in line 17, strike "PROGRAM" and substitute "FUND"; in line 19, strike "PROGRAM" and substitute "FUND"; in the same line after "FUNDING" insert ":

(I)"; and in line 22, after "SUPPORT" insert "; AND

(II) TO AUGMENT THE EFFORTS OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CENTERS THAT SERVE AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES BASED SMALL BUSINESSES IN RURAL AREAS THROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGES.".

On pages 2 and 3, strike beginning with "THE" in line 22 on page 2 through "AREAS." in

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line 26 on page 3, and substitute:

“(3) (I) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND WHICH IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(II) THE TREASURER SHALL SEPARATELY HOLD AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(III) THE TREASURER MAY INVEST MONEYS IN THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

(4) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY ONLY BE MADE:

(I) PURSUANT TO AN APPROPRIATION APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET; OR

(II) BY THE BUDGET AMENDMENT PROCEDURE PROVIDED FOR IN § 7-209 OF THIS ARTICLE, PROVIDED THAT:

1. THE BUDGET AMENDMENT AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEES FOR THEIR REVIEW AND COMMENT; AND

2. AT LEAST 45 DAYS HAVE ELAPSED FROM THE TIME THE BUDGET AMENDMENT AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION WERE SUBMITTED TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEES.”.

On page 3, in line 27, strike “(2)” and substitute “(D)”; in the same line, after “BOARD” insert “OF PUBLIC WORKS”; in line 29, strike “SUBSECTION” and substitute “SECTION”; in line 30, strike “(3)” and substitute “(E)”; strike beginning with “FROM” in line 31 down through “SUBSECTION” in line 32; and strike in their entirety lines 33 and 34 and substitute “THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BOARD.”.

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 35 on page 3 through line 23 on page 4 and substitute:

“(F) (1) THERE IS A MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BOARD.

(2) THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF:

(I) THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE OR THE SECRETARY'S
DESIGNEE;

(II) THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(III) THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES OR THE
SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE; AND

(IV) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FORVM FOR RURAL MARYLAND
OR THE CHAIRMAN'S DESIGNEE.

(3) THE BOARD SHALL:

(I) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR
GRANTS;

(II) REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS; AND

(III) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGARDING THE RECIPIENT OF GRANTS
AND THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANTS.

(4) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2002, THE BOARD SHALL GIVE
FUNDING PRIORITY TO ORGANIZATIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (C)(2)(I) OF THIS
SECTION THAT HAVE:

(I) OBTAINED AN EQUAL MATCHING AMOUNT OF FUNDING
FROM A SOURCE OTHER THAN THE STATE IN THE IMMEDIATE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR;
OR

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(II) SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF A COMMITMENT OF A THIRD PARTY FUNDING SOURCE TO PROVIDE AN EQUAL MATCHING AMOUNT OF FUNDING IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

(G) (1) A GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF HOW THE GRANT RECIPIENT SPENT OR OTHERWISE USED THE GRANT.

(2) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, A WRITTEN REPORT THAT INCLUDES:

(I) THE NUMBER OF GRANTS MADE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR;

(II) THE NAMES OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE GRANTS;

(III) THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF EACH GRANT AWARDED; AND

(IV) DOCUMENTATION OF HOW THE GRANT RECIPIENT SPENT OR OTHERWISE USED THE GRANT.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, after line 34, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor include in the annual State budget funds for the Forvm for Rural Maryland in an amount equivalent to the Forvm’s federal funding.”;

and in line 35, strike “4.” and substitute “5.”.