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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1, AS AMENDED  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, in line 2, before “Commission” insert “Government Operations -”; and in the same line, after “Structure” insert “and Maryland Commission on Efficiency in Government”; and in line 9, after “Structure” insert “and the Maryland Commission on Efficiency in Government”.

On page 1, of the Committee on Ways and Means Amendments (HB0001/725360/1), in line 8 of Amendment No. 1, after “operations;” insert “creating the Maryland Commission on Efficiency in Government; charging the Commission with certain tasks; providing for the membership of the Commission; restricting the use of certain information; requiring that the Commission prepare certain reports and recommendations; providing for public comment; requiring certain units to cooperate with the Commission;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2 of the bill, after line 20, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

- (a) There is a Maryland Commission on Efficiency in Government.
- (b) The purposes of the Commission are:
  - (1) to conduct a 2-year survey on cost control and efficiency in State government;
  - (2) to study the operations and services of units in the Executive Branch;
  - (3) to formulate potential improvements to those operations and services;

(Over)

(4) to evaluate the benefits and costs of those potential improvements in comparison to current unit practices; and

(5) to recommend to the President of the Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, to the Governor, and to the unit heads:

(i) the elimination of a unit that the Commission believes is no longer necessary; or

(ii) appropriate potential improvements in unit operations and services in order to:

1. improve services;

2. increase efficiency; and

3. decrease costs.

(c) The powers of the Commission in furtherance of the purposes set forth in subsection (a) of this section are:

(1) to conduct in-depth reviews of the operations and services of units in order to establish a basis for evaluating potential improvements to unit operations and services; and

(2) to examine a unit's nonprivileged records, documents, data, and other information, including those related to:

(i) organization;

(ii) finances;

(iii) purchasing;

(iv) contracting;

(v) personnel management; and

(vi) other areas of concern to the Commission.

(d) Except in furtherance of the purposes of the Commission, or in the conduct of official duties in a governmental capacity, a member may not disclose or use any data or information obtained from a unit for the direct or indirect personal or commercial benefit of the member or of any other person.

(e) The Commission consists of the following 15 members jointly appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House:

(1) two members from the Senate of Maryland;

(2) two members from the House of Delegates;

(3) as an ex officio member, the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning or a designee of the Secretary;

(4) the secretary of one other principal department of the Executive Branch, or a designee of the secretary; and

(5) nine members at large.

(f) The Commission shall examine, formulate recommendations, and present a final report on the following items with respect to each unit the Commission has examined:

(1) opportunities for improved services, increased efficiency, and decreased costs in the unit that may be realized through legislation, executive action, or regulation;

(2) areas in which managerial accountability can be enhanced and administrative control can be improved;

(3) opportunities for managerial improvements over both the short term and the long term;

(Over)

(4) specific areas in which potential savings justify further study; and

(5) information and data relating to governmental expenditures, indebtedness, and personnel management.

(g) The Commission shall present a final report by August 1, 2004 to the Governor, and the head of each unit examined. Interim reports shall be issued when deemed appropriate by the Commission.

(h) During review by the Commission, a unit under review shall:

(1) provide promptly any records, documents, data, and other information that the Commission requests; and

(2) otherwise cooperate with the Commission.

(i) In developing the report and recommendations required under this subtitle, the Commission shall:

(1) provide for public comment at meetings of the Commission; and

(2) hold public hearings to receive public comment on the areas to be examined under this subtitle.

(j) The Commission shall be funded, to the extent practicable and permitted by law, by the private sector, without cost to the State government.

(k) A member of the Commission may not receive compensation for serving on the Commission, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.”

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2 of the Committee on Ways and Means Amendments (HB0001/725360/1), in line 2

of Amendment No. 5, strike "2." and substitute "3.".