

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 487

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, before “Task” insert “Telecommunication and Computer Network Access -”; in line 23, after “dates;” insert “encouraging the Department of Business and Economic Development and the Department of Budget and Management to undertake certain actions;”; and in line 24, strike “the establishment of a” and substitute “telecommunications and computer networking and the”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3 strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 4 on page 2 through line 22 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 7, after line 5, insert:

“(1) three members of the Maryland House of Delegates, one each from Western Maryland, Southern Maryland, and the Eastern Shore, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) three members of the Senate of Maryland, one each from Western Maryland, Southern Maryland, and the Eastern Shore, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(3) three technical experts representing public sector agencies and universities appointed jointly by the Chairmen of the Southern Maryland, Western Maryland, and Eastern Shore delegations to the General Assembly;”;

in lines 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, and 26, strike “(1)”, “(2)”, “(3)”, “(4)”, “(5)”, “(6)”, “(7)”, “(8)”, “(9)”, “(10)”, and “(11)”, respectively, and substitute “(4)”, “(5)”, “(6)”, “(i)”, “(ii)”, “(iii)”, “(iv)”, “(v)”, “(vi)”, “(vii)”, and “(viii)”, respectively; in line 11, after “designee;” insert “and”; after line 11, insert:

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“(7) the following members appointed by the Governor:”;

in line 12, strike “the President” and substitute “a representative”; strike beginning with the comma in line 12 down through “designee” in line 13; in lines 14, 16, 18, 20, and 22, in each instance, strike “the Executive Director” and substitute “a representative”; strike beginning with the comma in line 14 down through “designee” in line 15; in lines 17, 19, and 21, in each instance, strike “, or the Executive Director’s designee”; strike beginning with the comma in line 22 down through “designee” in line 23; in line 25, strike “appointed by the Executive Director of the Forvm for Rural Maryland”; in the same line, after the semicolon insert “and”; and in lines 27 and 28, strike “appointed by the Executive Director of the Forvm for Rural Maryland;” and substitute a period.

On pages 7 and 8, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 29 on page 7 through line 3 on page 8, inclusive.

On page 8, in line 4, strike “President of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation” and substitute “Governor”; in line 5, strike “serve as” and substitute “designate”; in line 11, strike “shall periodically” and substitute “may”; and in line 16, strike “shall consist of” and substitute “may include”.

On page 9, in line 8, strike “shall”; in line 9, before “consider” insert “shall”; in line 10, strike “is being deployed for” and substitute “are being deployed in”; in line 15, after “Force,” insert “shall”; in line 17, strike “accessing” and substitute “obtaining access to”; in line 23, strike “be beneficial to” and substitute “benefit”; and in line 27, before “encourage” insert “shall”.

On page 10, in line 3, after “(v)” insert “any”; in line 5, before “develop” insert “shall”; in line 13, strike “and/or” and substitute “and”; in line 15, after “issues,” insert “and”; in line 16, before “oversee” insert “shall”; in line 24, strike “; and” and substitute a period; in line 25, strike “(6)” and substitute “(i) (1)”; in the same line, strike “subject to” and substitute “In accordance with”; in the same line, after “Article,” insert “the Task Force shall”; in line 26, strike the first comma and substitute “and to”; in line 27, strike “and the Chairmen of”; in line 28, after “and” insert “the chairmen of”; in the same line, strike “follows:” and substitute “provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.”; after line 28, insert:

“(2) The Task Force shall issue:”;

and in lines 29 and 32, in each instance, strike “issue”.

On page 11, in lines 1 and 4, in each instance, strike “issue”; in line 6, strike “(i)” and substitute “(j)”; in line 8, strike the second “and”; in line 9, after “Development” insert “, and other appropriate State, regional, and local agencies”; after line 9, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Department of Business and Economic Development, in assisting the Task Force on Broadband Communications Deployment in Underserved Rural Areas, is strongly encouraged to identify existing and significant potential demand for access to high-speed telecommunication and data transmission services facilities in underserved rural areas of the State, in consultation with local government officials, existing businesses, and existing regional and local consortia and other groups involved with high-technology economic development in those areas.

(b) The Department of Budget and Management, in assisting the Task Force on Broadband Communications Deployment in Underserved Rural Areas, is strongly encouraged to explore expansion of high-speed telecommunication and data transmission capacity, including fiber-optic cable and competing technologies, into underserved rural areas that have existing and significant potential demand for the capacity afforded by fiber-optic cable and competing technologies associated with State and local economic development, by expansion of the State backbone and network under § 3-705 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, through other Net.Work.Maryland or successor initiatives, or through other public-private cooperation with commercial providers of high-speed telecommunication and data transmission services, and is also strongly encouraged to explore alternative models for delivering these services in underserved rural areas.

(c) The Department of Business and Economic Development, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management and in coordination with recommendations of the Task Force on Broadband Communications Deployment in Underserved Rural Areas, is strongly encouraged to facilitate the expansion of high-speed telecommunication and data transmission services and facilities into underserved rural areas of the State by matching existing and significant potential demand with private and public providers of these services and facilities.”;
and in line 10, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.

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