

BY: Senator Middleton

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 5, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2 of the bill, in line 3, after “time;” insert “requiring the Department of Agriculture to review certain programs and certain technology infrastructure in the Department and submit a certain report regarding additional funding needs to the Governor and General Assembly by a certain date; requiring the Department of the Environment and the Department of Agriculture to jointly review the status of a certain loan program and submit a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly by a certain date; encouraging the Governor to provide additional funds, to the extent available, to the Department of the Environment for a certain fiscal year to be used for a certain loan program;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 16 of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee Amendments (SB0005/384031/1), after line 16 of Amendment No. 10, insert:

“SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Agriculture:

(a) Shall review the condition of the Department’s agricultural marketing program and information technology infrastructure; and

(b) On or before September 29, 2006, shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the level of additional funding that may be needed in order to meet existing and future needs for the marketing program and information technology, as well as potential resources needed to take full advantage of federal funding opportunities for agricultural industry support.

SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(Over)

(a) The Department of the Environment and the Department of Agriculture jointly:
(1) Shall review the status of the linked deposit low interest loan program for agricultural conservation and water quality improvement; and

(2) On or before September 29, 2006, shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the level of additional funding that may be needed in order to meet existing and future needs of the loan program.

(b) The General Assembly encourages the Governor to provide additional funds, to the extent available, to the Department of the Environment in fiscal year 2008 to be used to augment the resources that are available to the linked deposit low interest loan program for agricultural conservation and water quality improvement.”;

and in line 17, strike “13.” and substitute “15.”.