

SENATE BILL 1092

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Snowstorm and Related Climate Change Preparation Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring, on or before a certain date, the Maryland Commission
4 on Climate Change, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation and
5 the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, to submit a certain report to the
6 Governor and the General Assembly on certain State investments necessary for
7 the State to respond to certain weather emergencies; requiring the report to
8 include certain information; stating the intent of the General Assembly that the
9 Governor request certain federal funds for a certain purpose and appropriate a
10 certain amount of State funds in a certain fiscal year for a certain purpose; and
11 generally relating to weather emergency response funding in the State.

12 Preamble

13 The General Assembly finds and declares that, to the extent that climate
14 change, including disruptive snowstorms, hurricanes, and droughts caused by the
15 impact of atmospheric greenhouse gas emissions, burdens the people and businesses of
16 Maryland, the State has a responsibility to make investments to minimize climate
17 change and its damaging effects; now, therefore,

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That:

20 (a) On or before December 1, 2010, the Maryland Commission on Climate
21 Change, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation and the Maryland
22 Emergency Management Agency, shall submit a joint report to the Governor and, in
23 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on
24 the investments necessary for the State to respond effectively to weather emergencies.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The report required under subsection (a) of this section shall identify:

2 (1) the economic and other costs to the residents of the State of severe
3 weather during the winter of 2010; and

4 (2) the investments that the State should make to prepare for future
5 weather emergencies, including snow, hurricanes, drought, flooding, and other
6 weather emergencies that may occur as a result of climate change.

7 (c) Based on the report submitted under subsection (a) of this section, it is
8 the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor:

9 (1) direct a request to the President of the United States and the
10 Maryland Congressional Delegation to provide federal money raised by any federal
11 climate change legislation, including H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and
12 Security Act of 2009, to the State and to local governments in the State to fund the
13 investments necessary to prepare for future weather emergencies in the State; and

14 (2) for fiscal year 2012, appropriate sufficient funds from the State
15 budget, including from special funds or any federal funds received as a result of
16 federal climate change legislation, to fund the investments necessary to prepare for
17 future weather emergencies in the State.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 June 1, 2010.