

**HB0778/486988/1**

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 778  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Wood” and substitute “Wood, Hubbard, and Krebs”; strike beginning with “of” in line 2 down through “Companies” in line 3; in line 12, after “report;” insert “establishing a Workgroup to Study the Laws and Policies Related to the Distribution of Money to Volunteer and Career Companies; providing for the membership and duties of the Workgroup; providing for the designation of a chair of the Workgroup; prohibiting members of the Workgroup from receiving compensation; authorizing members to receive certain reimbursement; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”; and in line 12, after “Act;” insert “providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 8, after line 2, insert:

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

(a) There is a Workgroup to Study the Laws and Policies Related to the Distribution of Money to Volunteer and Career Companies.

(b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

(1) two members from the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate on or before July 1, 2013;

(2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House on or before July 1, 2013;

(Over)

(3) a representative of the Maryland State Firemen's Association;

(4) a representative of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association;

(5) a representative of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Council of the State of Maryland; and

(6) a representative of the Professional Firefighters of Maryland.

(c) On or before July 1, 2013, the Governor shall appoint a chair of the Workgroup from among its members.

(d) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation for serving as a member of the Workgroup; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(e) The Workgroup shall:

(1) study the adequacy of State laws and policies related to the distribution of money to volunteer and career fire companies; and

(2) consider and make recommendations regarding options for the distribution of State funds to volunteer and career fire companies.

(f) On or before December 1, 2013, the Workgroup shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246

of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee.”;

in line 3, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 4, after “2013.” insert “Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 5 months and, at the end of November 30, 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.