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By: **Senators Ready, Brochin, Eckardt, and Edwards**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Finance and Procurement – One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission; providing for
4 the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the
5 Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the
6 reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to review the current
7 State procurement process and develop policy recommendations to ensure
8 transparency and greater participation of businesses located in the State in State
9 contracting; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations
10 to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the
11 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the One Maryland Blue Ribbon
12 Commission.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That:

15 (a) There is a One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission.

16 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

17 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
18 the Senate;

19 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
20 the House of Delegates; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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1 (3) the following representatives appointed by the Governor:

2 (i) five regional business owner representatives, one each from the
3 Western, Capital, Southern, Central, and Eastern Shore regions of the State;

4 (ii) a representative from the Department of Business and Economic
5 Development;

6 (iii) a representative from the Board of Public Works;

7 (iv) a representative from the Department of Public Safety and
8 Correctional Services;

9 (v) a representative from the Department of Labor, Licensing, and
10 Regulation;

11 (vi) a representative from the Department of Budget and
12 Management;

13 (vii) a representative from the Department of General Services;

14 (viii) a representative from the Community Hub for Opportunities in
15 Construction Employment;

16 (ix) a representative from AFSCME Maryland;

17 (x) a representative of a nonprofit organization that specializes in
18 good government and transparency issues;

19 ~~(vi)~~ (xi) a representative from the Maryland Municipal League;

20 ~~(vii)~~ (xii) a representative from the Maryland Association of
21 Counties;

22 ~~(viii)~~ (xiii) a representative from the Maryland Economic
23 Development Corporation; ~~and~~

24 ~~(ix)~~ (xiv) a representative from the Maryland Chamber of
25 Commerce; and

26 (xv) a representative from ChoiceWorks, Inc.

27 (c) The Governor shall designate the Chair of the Commission.

28 (d) The Department of Business and Economic Development shall provide staff
29 for the Commission.

- 1 (e) A member of the Commission:
 - 2 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but
 - 3 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
 - 4 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 5 (f) The Commission shall:
 - 6 (1) review the advantages and disadvantages for businesses located in the
 - 7 State with regard to the current State procurement process;
 - 8 (2) review current State incentives for businesses located in the State to
 - 9 participate in State contracts;
 - 10 (3) review geographic partnerships to determine whether State agencies
 - 11 are contracting with businesses located in the State; and
 - 12 (4) develop policy recommendations on how the State can improve the
 - 13 procurement process to ensure transparency and greater participation of businesses located
 - 14 in the State in State contracting.
- 15 (g) On or before December 31, 2015, the Commission shall report its findings and
- 16 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State
- 17 Government Article, the General Assembly.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 19 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2016,
 20 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
 21 of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.